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## THE PAST SHARING WISDOM WITH THE PRESENT



**WORDS OF WISDOM:** Former Prime Minister now Tlbiyo TakaNgwane Managing Director Dr A.T Dlamini and Central Bank of Eswatini Governor Majosi Sithole a former finance minister having a few words with newly appointed PM Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini and Finance Minister Neal Rijkenberg. This was during the swearing-in of Cabinet ministers at the Hospital Hill on Tuesday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

THEY ARE ALREADY SALIVATING BEFORE THE MEETING...

# UNIONS HOPE FOR



# 6.5% TALKS

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# WITH PM

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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

## Siphofaneni records highest rainfall

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**SIPHOFANENI recorded the highest rainfall when compared to the other areas of the country.**

The rainfall recordings were extracted from the rains that started on Tuesday morning until yesterday morning.

Siphofaneni recorded 38.0mm tol-

lowed by Nsoko with 30.5 mm while Mhlume came third with a recording of 27.8 mm.

The aforementioned areas are all in the Lubombo region.

"The Lubombo and Hhohho regions seem to be recording more rainfall since the past week," said the forecaster.

Last week, Siteki and Mbabane recorded 25.5 and 21.5mm, respectively, which

was the highest when compared to the other areas.

Mananga also in the Lubombo region, Matsapha, and KaLanga recorded average rains. They recorded 27.2mm, 26.5 mm and 23.5mm, respectively.

Motshane, an area in the Hhohho region next to Nkoyoyo, received the lowest rain as it recorded 6.0 mm.

According to information from the

## RAINFALL RECORDINGS

STATION NAME	MM	MBABANE	15.0
SIPHOFANENI	38.0	NHLANGANO	19.5
NSOKO	30.5	MANANGA	27.2
MHLUME	27.8	BIG BEND	27.5
MALKERNS	14.6	NGWEMPISI	9.0
SWD PLANTATIONS	19.8	KALANGA	23.5
		MOTSHANE	6.0
		MATSAPHA	26.5
		MAHAMBAB	17.5

Swaziland Meteorological Services, there are some parts of the country that also received better rainfall such as Nhlanguano in the

Shiselweni region, which recorded 19.5 mm, and Swaziland Plantations in the Hhohho region near Pigg's Peak, received 19.5 mm.

## 5 MONTHS LATER LATE VICTOR SHABANGU STILL NOT BURIED

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**ONE would have expected former Eswatini Sports Council Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Victor Shabangu to be resting in peace in his grave by now.**

However, five months down the line, his body is still in the morgue.

This came after the late former CEO's mother Joyce Nsibandze filed an appeal application after the High Court had ordered that the deceased's father Pitoli should bury him at Moneni.

Another application was filed at the High Court before Judge John Magagula who handed down the original judgment that the deceased should be buried at Moneni. When the matter was supposed to be heard yesterday,

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The late former sports administrator's body is still kept at Dups Funeral Home while the battle for his corpse rages on.

**Ordered**

Judge Magagula in the judgment challenged by Joyce ordered that Victor's body should be buried at Moneni.

But Joyce filed an appeal immediately after the ruling. Pitoli made it clear that he was hurting that his son's body is being kept at the morgue

instead of being buried.

He blamed Victor's mother for making unfounded allegations by stating that Ngculwini is Victor's place.

Shabangu said this is far from the truth as the deceased built the place for her.

He said Victor cannot be buried where his children are not welcome.

While Sibandze had initially successfully filed an application to stop the funeral, Victor's father also moved an application at the High Court where Judge Magagula ruled in his favour.

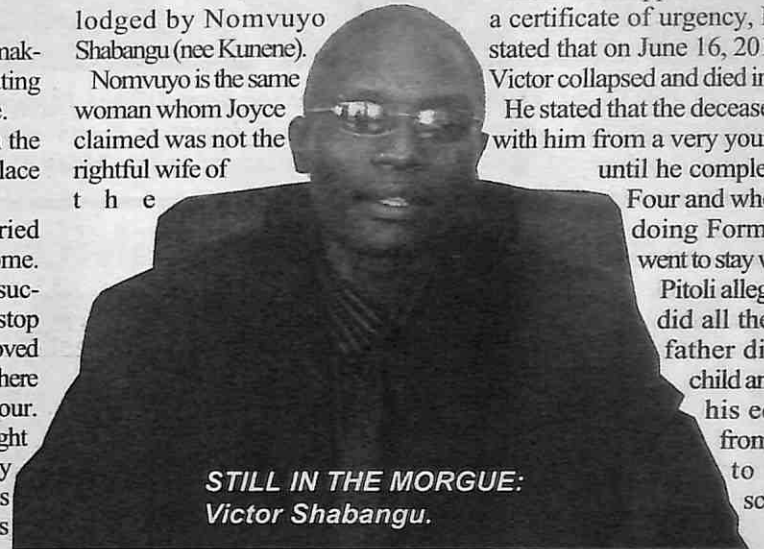
Pitoli, among other prayers, sought an order directing the University of Eswatini (where Victor was employed) to process all claims

lodged by Nomvuyo

Shabangu (nee Kunene).

Nomvuyo is the same woman whom Joyce claimed was not the rightful wife of

the



**STILL IN THE MORGUE:**  
Victor Shabangu.

deceased as their marriage allegedly ended. In his application, Pitoli alleged that Joyce was refusing with all the required documents to process the claim, hence a court order compelling her was necessary.

The applicant (Pitoli) further sought an order restraining and interdicting Joyce from removing Victor's body from Dups Funeral Home Crematorium, pending finalisation of the matter.

Respondents in the matter are the University of Eswatini, Joyce and Dups Home Crematorium.

In his court application filed under a certificate of urgency, Pitoli had stated that on June 16, 2018 his son Victor collapsed and died in Manzini. He stated that the deceased resided with him from a very young age up until he completed Form Four and when he was doing Form Five, he went to stay with Joyce.

Pitoli alleged that he did all the duties a father did for his child and paid for his education from primary to high school.

## Another Christmas in jail for suspended cop 'Waga'

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**SUSPENDED police officer Musa 'Waga' Kunene, whose bail application was dismissed by the High Court and the Supreme Court, will spend yet another Christmas in jail as his trial could not proceed yesterday morning.**

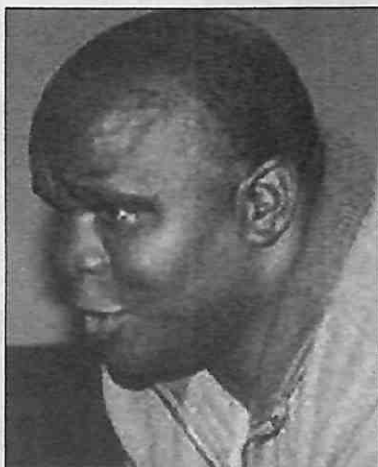
Kunene, who was suspended from the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) following his initial arrest after being charged with theft by false pretences, left the court dejected as the matter was postponed to February 2019.

The matter was before High Court Judge Cyril Maphanga yesterday and the Crown represented by Ayanda Matsenjwa has lined up a list of witnesses to be paraded before court.

The suspended officer is facing charges of theft by false pretences that were preferred against him last year while he was out on bail for other criminal charges.

Kunene, who was out on bail for other offences, was re-arrested for allegedly stealing money by false pretences from another woman, an incident that allegedly happened in Mbabane.

High Court Judge Ticheme Dlamini in July last year dismissed Kunene's urgent application noting that the applicant (Kunene) had been granted bail



**POSTPONED: Musa 'Waga' Kunene.**

by the court twice for other offences and was appearing before court for the third time for yet another bail application on a new charge.

All the charges that he is facing, according to the court, are still pending and Judge Dlamini had stated that he was satisfied that his release on bail would now undermine the criminal justice system as well as the public confidence in it as it would be eroded.

**Justice**

The court stated that it was no longer in the interest of justice that Kunene be admitted to bail and accordingly issued an order that his bail application be dismissed. He filed an appeal

application at the Supreme Court which was also dismissed as it held that it was not in the best interest of justice to grant him another bail and held that the High Court rightly refused him bail.

Kunene was arrested by the Mbabane police on July 6, 2017 and was subsequently charged with theft by false pretences in that he allegedly stole money amounting to E130 000 from another woman through misrepresentation. During his first appearance at the Magistrate's Court, the Crown indicated that his bail is opposed as he is out on a similar charge.

The Crown, represented by Bonsile Ndlela at the Magistrate's Court, had submitted that it would not have been in the interest of justice to admit Kunene to bail since the public's confidence in the justice system and bail system itself would be undermined.

Ndlela also submitted that the applicant had breached bail conditions that had been issued by the Supreme Court when admitting him to bail under case number 03/16 and submitted that the condition of the bail states that the applicant should not commit any criminal offence during the period that he is out on bail.

Kunene, however, breached that condition, hence the Crown applied that he should be kept in custody as contemplated in terms of Section 96(8) (c) of the CP&E Act.

## PASTOR FINED E2 000 FOR DRUNK-DRIVING

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**REGRET was written on the face of a senior pastor from one of the well-established churches in Siteki as he appeared before the Magistrate's Court after he was nabbed for drink-driving.**

Paul Mabaso (61) appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso where he faced a charge of contravening Section 122 of the Road Traffic Act 6 of 2007.

The generally humbled man of God is said to have wrongfully and unlawfully driven a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating substance.

He was nabbed near Mpaka, along the Manzini-Simunye road.

When he was subjected to a breathalyser test, a content of alcohol reading of 0.89 mg/l was detected in his system. This is way above the legal limit, which stands at 0.37 mg/l.

Particulars of the offence included that the accused person also drove his vehicle in a negligent manner and hit another vehicle

from behind. He is said to have struggled to maintain his balance, and had a strong smell of alcohol coming from his mouth.

When he was informed of his rights to legal representation, the accused person elected to conduct his own defence in the matter.

He pleaded guilty to the charge.

His plea was also accepted by the Crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence.

During mitigation, the pastor pleaded with the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying he was a first time offender. He further told the court that he was unemployed and had no source of income.

The pastor asked the court to defer payment of his fine to at least end of November.

He was accordingly found guilty by the court and was sentenced to four months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E2 000 fine.

The court extended its leniency and allowed Mabaso to pay the fine in two instalments, starting from the end of November.



# NOZIPHO SHABANGU APPLIES TO BE MINISTER'S PA AFTER ELECTIONS LOSS

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

'SHOOT for the moon and if you miss you will still be among the stars'. The phrase bears true testimony for

former Miss Swaziland Nozipho Shabangu who has since applied to be the Personal Assistant (PA) to Minister of Education and Mafutseni Member of Parliament Lady Howard-Mabuza. Shabangu, who was one of the contestants for the Member

of Parliament (MP) at Nsalitje Chiefdom, under Matsanjeni South, crashed out from the race in the primary elections held in August.

Rumours started circulating that she was hospitalised after losing at the first

phase of the elections, something that she refuted.

She confirmed applying for the position which comes with an estimated salary of E13 000 when contacted yesterday.

However, she said that she was still waiting for feedback from

Mabuza as the latter has many applicants for the same position.

"I would love to serve my country in whatever position I attain and if it pleases the minister to give me the job, I will take the opportunity with both hands," she said.

Minister Mabuza could not be drawn for comment as her phone rang unanswered when contacted on the matter.



## UNIONS HOPE PM TALKS ABOUT 6.5%

COVER STORY

Stories by Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**PUBLIC sector associations (PSAs) expect the CoLA issues (6.5% pay rise) to be addressed when they meet with the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini tomorrow.**

The PSAs are supposed to meet with the PM tomorrow at the Cabinet offices situated at the Hospital Hill in Mbabane.

Some of the PSAs leaders, when called on the agenda of the meeting, stated that they were blank.

The leaders told this publication that they were told that this was a courtesy call extended by the prime minister to them as PSAs. They said they did not know what the agenda could be, except that they thought thorny issues affecting them would be

**● National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) President Aubrey Sibiya said he was optimistic that the meeting would address issues that were thorny to them like the 6.5 per cent CoLA issue**

addressed. National Public Service and Allied Workers Union (NAPSAWU) President Aubrey Sibiya said he was optimistic that the meeting would address issues that were thorny to them like the 6.5 per cent CoLA issue.

He stated that over the past few weeks, they did not have a government in place, so they hoped that the PM wants to meet them to find out how they were coping in their respective places of work.

### Anxious

Sibiya likened the civil servants to children who had been at home without their parents. He said children in such situations would be anxious about the whereabouts of their parents, mainly because they would have nothing to eat.

When the parents arrive home, he said, they normally want to



6.5%: Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini.

find out how the children have been coping in their absence.

Sibiya said the situation they were in with the prime minister was exactly the same. "Tsine besisolo sisodvwa babe wetfu

angekho. Besigadze kutsi utasiphatsela kona ngemaswidi. Emaswidi etfu nguCoLA. (We are in a situation where we were alone, without our father. Now that our father is here, we expect sweets and CoLA in this case represents the sweets)," Sibiya said.

Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) President Mbongwa Dlamini was also of the view that the meeting tomorrow would address the thorny issues that disturbed them in their line of work as public servants.

He stated that he did not know why the prime minister called them, but thought issues surrounding CoLA would be discussed.

He said there were other issues that affected them at work but all would be discussed tomorrow during the meeting.

## TUCOSWA not invited for now

**TUCOSWA is not invited to the meeting of PSAs with Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini.**

The Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) is a mother body of three of the four PSAs that are supposed to take part in tomorrow's meeting with the premier. Swaziland National

Association of Teachers (SNAT), Swaziland Nurses Association (SNA), Swaziland National Association of Civil Servants (SNACS), and the Swaziland National Association of Government Accounting Personnel (SNAGAP) are the organisations that are supposed to take part in the meeting. TUCOSWA,

as a federation, is also a mother body to other unions in other sectors like textile and manufacturing industries. TUCOSWA Deputy Secretary Muzi Mhlanga yesterday confirmed that they were not invited to the meeting as TUCOSWA.

He stated, however, that they were still to confirm whether they would be allowed to be part of the meeting or not, as the labour commissioner was still to confirm that for them. However, he stat-

ed that the invitation letter was solely for the PSAs, so those would definitely be part of the meeting.

Public Service Principal Secretary (PS) Evar Madlopha said he did not know what the agenda of the meeting would be.

He said he was only sent to tell the leaders of the PSAs that the prime minister was interested in meeting them. But he was not told what the meeting would be about.

Madlopha was told to facilitate the meeting as someone who was part of the Government Negotiating Team (GNT), which usually met the PSAs whenever there were salary issues that were to be discussed.

Efforts to get a response from the prime minister's office could not yield positive fruits. He requested an SMS to be sent to him, but there was no response at the time of compiling this report.

## Work with chiefs - DPM staff told

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THE time has come for staff members of the deputy prime minister's office (DPMO) to rope in chiefs in their programmes.**

This was said by Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) Themba Masuku yesterday when he was introduced to the staff members of the DPMO. The staff came from as far as Sicunusa, Pigg's Peak, Lavumisa, Siteki, among other areas, to meet the DPM.

Masuku said he was happy to meet the workers, who had crammed the conference room of the DPMO, to greet their political principal. The workers expressed happiness to meet Masuku because they got a rare opportunity to interact with him.

The DPM told the workers

that they had to stop using state-of-the-art facilities in urban areas when they implemented their development programmes.

They should go to the chiefdoms and involve the people who were living in those areas. "In my time as the Regional Administrator in Shiselweni, I learned that you should include chiefs in implementing these programmes because they will only have an impact when the people are involved.

### Incidents

Whenever you are commemorating certain incidents, go to the people in chiefdoms and tell them to take part so that they feel part of the programmes," Masuku said.

The DPM further told the staff members that money or status of working at DPMO should not be their priority. Their priority should be to serve the nation, he said.

## COPS SUMMON EDITOR MUSA NDLANGAMANDLA

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**FORMER Swazi Observer Editor-in-Chief Musa Ndlangamandla was yesterday summoned at the police station adjacent to Mater Dolorosa High School for questioning.**

Ndlangamandla, who was later allowed to leave, was questioned on incidents that allegedly took place in 2011.

This is the same year his office was raided by police who confiscated his computer but was later returned. Ndlangamandla confirmed the summon and questioning by the police in a long Facebook post yesterday afternoon. "They asked me if I had talked to political leaders of the country's opposition groups. I told them that I am a journalist and

that if they could familiarise themselves with what journalists do they would find that our job is to talk to people and write articles about the truth and anything that is of public interest. I told them that in my 20 years as a journalist, I have and continue to speak to all Swazi people regardless of their political affiliation. I told them I speak to PUDEMO stalwart Mario Masuku and ultra conservatives like Prince Masitsela at any time," he said. Ndlangamandla said these people belonged to Eswatini and they had a right and a stake in how the country is run.

When sought for comment, Police Information and Communications Officer (PICO) Phindile Vilakati confirmed that Ndlangamandla was asked to assist the police investigate a matter that she could not divulge.

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## DPM MEETS STAFF



**SWAZI OBSERVER READER:** DPM Themba Masuku ready to update himself with fresh news from a copy of the Swazi Observer before a brief meeting with his staff members at his offices yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



**AT WORK:** DPM Themba Masuku leaves his office on his way to the board room to meet his staff members.

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**ON A LIGHTER NOTE:** DPM Themba Masuku shares a light moment with his staff members.



**WELCOME:** National Disaster Management CEO Russell Dlamini briefs the DPM about the challenges they are working on in the ministry.



**LISTENING:** A section of the staff members listening to some of the heads of departments during the meeting.



**FOLLOWING:** Part of the staff members waiting for their turn to introduce themselves to the DPM.





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**Bayethe. Wena Waphakathi**







**LET'S WORK TOGETHER:** Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David Ngcamphalala (c) posing with the staff after being introduced to them yesterday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

# HANDS OFF GOVT'S MONEY - CRUISER

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**MINISTER of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala says his first work in the ministry will be working on Sibaya recommendations.**

These included the introduction of tinkhundla administration and development syllabus to all educational systems, decentralisation of Tinkhundla service centres at constituency level.

He said most Emaswati at the recent Sibaya questioned why Tinkhundla did not provide services such as travel document registration.

Ngcamphalala said during Sibaya, nearly 80 per cent of the issues raised were directed to his ministry.

The minister said they had until August next year to produce a booklet about the ministry which would contain a roadmap.

He was speaking yesterday at the ministry's offices while being introduced to the staff. "During Sibaya sessions, the ministry was given a target of August 2019, meaning by this time next year, the ministry is expected to have tackled all the Sibaya recommendations," he said. Ngcamphalala said the ministry's staff members would first be workshopped where solutions for the recommendations would be brainstormed, including the implementation of the Tinkhundla document. On issues to tackle, the minister said the issue of corruption was amongst the issues that are required to be eliminated as mentioned by the Prime Minister Ambrose Dlamini. He said working on

the Sibaya recommendations does not mean that the ministry would abandon their pipeline projects. "Government officials should stay away from government's money because that will definitely draw the authority's attention towards you," he said. Ngcamphalala said every employee should take it to heart that the communities out there yearned for the ministry's help. "The ministry will work on existing projects, plan, consult and implement the Sibaya recommendations. We will work tirelessly in improving the ministry and further work closely with other ministries," he said. He further highlighted that the ministry is the core of the country's government and that if Tinkhundla work according to their mandate, the country would reach 2022 without any trends of corruptions.

## OFFICIALS REGISTER GRIEVANCES TO MINISTER

MEANWHILE, officials from the Ministry of tinkhundla administration and development did not hesitate to forward their sympathies to the minister.

They labelled the ministry as 'dead' which required excessive work to bring it to life.

The Programme Officer for Capacity Building and Decentralisation, Amos Maziya said he hoped that Ngcamphalala's arrival would impact the ministry positively.

He mentioned that some projects especially the decentralisation department, was for almost eight years denied the opportunities to bring the development and services to the people.

"It is a pity that even the ministry itself has no clue of its mandate, which is bringing development to the people, especially those in the rural areas. We are hoping that your arrival minister will change things for the better," he said.

He said some funds that are budgeted for decentralisation projects are diverted to other projects.

Maziya said they resorted on doing some projects on the side, including the construction of service centres under government constituencies.

Moreover, Shiselweni Regional Secretary Ngcayizivele Dlamini



**LET THE WORK BEGIN** Minister of Tinkhundla Administration and Development David Ngcamphalala addressing the staff.

said the ministry allegedly only submitted two documents in Parliament in a period of five years. He added that the ministry's staff members were also caught up in an audit chaos which he said might have contributed to the poor performance by the ministry. The RS mentioned that they would spend nights in the office while undergoing those audits. Dlamini pledged that the staff would support the minister in implementing all planned projects and help move it to the right direction.

## Victorious soldiers over Sobantu still not compensated

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**THE three soldiers who were dismissed from the army and successfully filed an application against Army Commander Sobantu Dlamini to be reinstated or paid their terminal benefits have still not been paid.**

With the Eswatini Umbutfo Defence Force (EUDF) Commander Sobantu Dlamini in continued defiance with an order of court, the three have since taken the matter back to court where they are seeking an order of court to force the commander to adhere to its order.

A pre-trial conference has already been held at the High Court and according to minutes attached to the filing notice, the estimated duration of trial is one day and notice of set down is three weeks from the date of pre-trial conference which was on October 8, 2018.

Nkosikayikhethi Nxumalo and two other soldiers Mpendulo Mngometulu and Vusumuzi Hlatjwako have filed the application at the High Court after realising that the defiant army commander has refused to reinstate or compensate them as per the court order.

According to papers filed at the High Court, the commander defied a court order after the High Court set aside the dismissal of the three and a letter

requesting salary activation into the government system was forwarded.

Following the High Court order, the commander noted an appeal at the Supreme Court and when the matter was heard, the Supreme Court dismissed the application by the army commander who still refused to reinstate the three.

However, despite further letters written to the principal secretary in the ministry of defence (MOD) and the attorney general (AG) requesting that the army complies with the orders of court, Dlamini did not reinstate the three and terminated their services from the EUDF.

It is for that reason that Nxumalo and the two have now approached the court in terms of Legal Notice Number 165 of 2011 and dated October 18, 2011 as they want the army to pay them on 60 years retirement age scale.

According to the application, the army also has to pay them salary arrears as Nxumalo in his papers argues that some soldiers who were fired in the army were paid their terminal benefits.

There three were arrested after being accused of fuel theft in the army but were cleared by the courts after the matter was heard. However, they were later dismissed after appearing before the army Court Marshall as allegedly ordered by the commander. Cited as the respondents in the matter are the commander, Mashikiliane Fakudze,



**DEFIANT:** Army Commander Sobantu Dlamini.

Deputy Commander Jeffrey Tshabalala, Principal Secretary in the MoD Andreas Mathabela, government, attorney general, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Service Evert Madlopha and the Public Service Pensions Fund.

Also attached to the application is the applicants' discovery affidavit where Nxumalo details every move taken in the court processes and correspondences with the concerned parties. The matter is yet to be allocated for trial in court. Representing the three soldiers in the matter is Mafutseni based lawyer Leo Ndvuna Dlamini of S.A Nkosi Attorneys while the respondents are represented by attorney Vusi Kunene.

## Girl (6) raped last year, suffers cervical pains to date

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**A six-year-old girl of Lundzi has reportedly developed cervical problems after a neighbour allegedly sexually assaulted her with a finger.**

Thabo Nkambule (15) is alleged to have on numerous occasions tried to penetrate the girl before using a finger as he failed. This gruesome incident allegedly happened last year June 16. The perpetrator has not been arrested, while the survivor suffers the effects of the rape. Sources claimed that the perpetrator had long nails which ended up bruising the girl's vaginal and cervical areas. The survivor's mother is an employee of one of the area's forestry companies. It is said the young girl usually seeks refuge at her neighbour's place when she knocks off from school while her mother is still at work. When the mother fetched the child however, on that fateful day, she found her bleeding from her vaginal area and the child just wept when questioned. The mother is said to

have hastily travelled to the nearby police station and then the clinic to seek help for her child. "The matter became a problem from the onset because the mother stayed in the clinic for days without the child getting relevant care for her situation," said the source. The girl is said to be currently bleeding and has difficulty when urinating due to the wounds sustained from the assault. Meanwhile, Save the Children Child Protection Officer, Thabo Magagula said they were shocked because both the survivor and perpetrator are children. Magagula labelled the act as monstrous and inhumane. "Where exactly is a safe place for our children, especially a girl child, if gruesome violations like this are endured by them while at home?" he said, adding that he has worked for years on children matters but this one was something else. Magagula pleaded with relevant officials to speedily act on the matter to the interest of the affected child. Chief Police Information and Communications Officer, Superintendent Phindile Vilakati said there was a similar matter that the police were investigating.

## Perpetrator classified mentally ill

**THE survivor's mother said the perpetrator's mother claimed that his son will never do such a despicable thing because he has mental illnesses and epilepsy.**

She said she discovered that her daughter complained of severe pains while trying to urinate. She said what pained her most is the fact that her child's attacker was never

arrested and her child endured severe pains daily. "My child's life has been destroyed, she sleeps during school hours and she is no longer able to 'hold' urine," she said. The mother alleged that the child's attacker 'bribed' her with five fat cakes to keep quiet. She said she has been in and out of hospitals with donated funds trying to find help for her child.





**KILLED:** The late UEDF member Chester Dlamini.

## COPS SHOOT DEAD CHICKEN THIEF WHO KILLED SOLDIER

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Hlatikulu

**THE man accused of killing Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) member Chester Dlamini was on Tuesday 'hunted' and gunned down by the police as he failed to cooperate.**

Mapunapuna Hlophe, the man from Magele near Hlatikulu had earlier on on the same day killed Dlamini and ran off.

It is said the police comprising members of the serious crime unit (Lukhozi) descended at Magele after learning about the murder of the soldier. Dlamini had responded to an alarm from residents after Hlophe had allegedly tried to cause trouble in another neighbour's home where he allegedly attempted to steal chickens. He was a known trouble-maker in the community.

It is said in the early hours of Wednesday, Hlophe was caught in the act and when residents attempted to apprehend him, he fled and this happened after he had injured one of the residents who he had allegedly stabbed with a sharp object.

The injured resident had to be rushed to the Hlatikulu Government Hospital by Dlamini who then later decided to arm himself and search for Hlophe.

Hlophe realised that Dlamini was looking for him, it is said he hid inside banana trees.

### Stone

It is said Hlophe picked a stone and hit him hard and as he hit the ground, he (Hlophe) then disarmed him and killed him straightaway. After killing Dlamini, it is said he fled with his firearm and a search for him ensued with police also joined by the residents. Just after 1700 hours yesterday, police got a tip off that Hlophe was spotted at an area known as Kowane which is a zone also under Magele. Police are said to have then proceeded to the said area and knowing that Hlophe was armed with the soldier's gun, they came prepared.

It is said they (police) ordered Hlophe to surrender, but he would not cooperate and that was when the police after firing warning shots and seeing him failing to surrender, were left with no option but shoot him.

"He failed to surrender when police advised him to do so and they shot him dead," said a community member.

An elder in the community who is part of the ruling household at Magele, Mlamuli Dlamini claimed to have heard the news that Hlophe who was being sought for murdering a soldier had also been killed.

"I just got the news that police have killed the man who had also killed the soldier. I am told his body is also at the mortuary as we speak," he said.

Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati confirmed that the man accused of killing the UEDF member was shot dead by police after he failed to surrender when nabbed.

# CANGO assigns new govt

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**THE Coordinating Assembly of Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) says government's reform agenda should focus on diversifying the revenue base, protecting and improving quality and efficiency of spending.**

CANGO in an expectation letter addressed to the new government said the budget deficit for the financial year 2017 and 2018 is contingent on the passage of newly identified revenue measures proposed on the Finance Bill of 2018.

CANGO said government was faced with a delicate choice between the need to limit future spending increases so as to bring the fiscal deficit under control, and to ensure a return to robust economic growth through structural increase in public spending.

"There is need for the country to widen the tax base and allow for proper policies that can project better economic growth. Due to the volatile nature of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) receipts, eco-tourism, events such

as Bushfire can boost the economy significantly through tourism," it said

It further recommended that the new government should adjust the elderly grant, increase the Orphaned Vulnerable Children (OVCs) education grant, and revise the OVC grant. CANGO said there is a great need to adjust the elderly grant to go above E461 per month.

It added that government should increase the non-wage share of the budget towards secondary education for the construction of computer and science laboratories and libraries.

Upgrading of teaching skills periodically to allow a curriculum that is aligned to a rapidly changing and fast paced environment was suggested to the new government.

### Inventory

Meanwhile, CANGO said government should undertake an inventory of the health sector and look at effective means to improve efficiency and equity in the spending of the health sector.

"Increase operational and capital equipment procurement to allow for purchase of mobile facilities that can access hard to reach areas of

the country. Adopting cost efficient procurement systems of vaccines and drugs to limit the periodic shortage of drugs."

The current policy framework in the mining sector, CANGO said does not make comprehensive policy provisions to address environmental and health protection.

### Policies

As a result, government must first change policies in the mining sector, for instance, licenses should be issued to Emaswati and foreigners should come in as partners.

### Other recommendations

Personnel should be trained and dispatched throughout the country to assist with explanations and effective implementation of the VAT policy.

The Government of Eswatini VAT approach and policy directive policy should allow participation from interest groups (such as the Federation of Swaziland Employers and Chamber of Commerce (FSE and CC) to get their views and clear areas of misunderstanding regarding VAT should there be any.

Government should provide incentives for private sector to participate in or provide Early Childhood

Care and Education (ECCE) especially tax breaks and parcels of land and or any other means.

There is need to look at means to incentivise teachers for best performing schools and explore ways to develop infrastructure of schools set in rural areas to allow for effective student learning environment.

Attempts should also be made to ensure that communities benefit from mining activity through sustainable measures and not the typical Corporate Social Investment (CSI) programmes.

Citizens or communities should be afforded an opportunity to shape policy and CSI through participation and sensitisation to mining policies.

Review agricultural policies and address challenges to expansion in agriculture; Policies have to be reviewed to ascertain that they facilitate large-scale agricultural production.

Government of Eswatini must also empower industry stakeholders such as government, civil society, private sector, parliament and media to identify, prioritise and implement actions that promote accountability and transparency in the industry.

## Shoplifter found guilty despite having concealed evidence

By Mncedisi Dlamini  
Mbabane

**A shoplifter who was suspected to have concealed evidence by burning his jacket whilst in police holding cells has been fined E1 000 despite the unavailability of evidence.**

The allegations that shoplifting suspect David Sithole had burnt his jacket were disclosed by Constable Zakhele Dlamini when testifying against the accused at the national court yesterday.

day.

The jacket in question is said to have been stuffed with six tyre polish items which were stolen by the accused from Shoprite at the Swazi Plaza in Mbabane.

He was caught by security personnel from the store who then handed him over to the Royal Eswatini Police (REP) at the Swazi Plaza police post. Constable Dlamini said the suspect's hands were tied with a rope when he was handed over to them by the security guards.

Sithole is said to have elected to

remain silent when being questioned regarding the stolen items.

He informed the court that the items which he is alleged to have stolen were retrieved from a shopping basket not from a jacket.

He was adamant that he had gone to the store to purchase the items and refuted ever wearing a jacket on the said day.

Sithole who was dressed in a black shirt, informed Court President Chief officer Lembelele Dlamini that the morning before court, police tried forcing him to put on a jacket which

did not belong to him.

However, those efforts failed as he instinctively resisted their offer. He claimed to have had a feeling that he was being set up by the police hence he never accepted the jacket.

The court after taking all factors into consideration found the accused person guilty.

The court made it clear before passing sentence that it would not be showing any mercy to the accused. He was then handed a fine of E1 000 or 12 months in a correctional facility.

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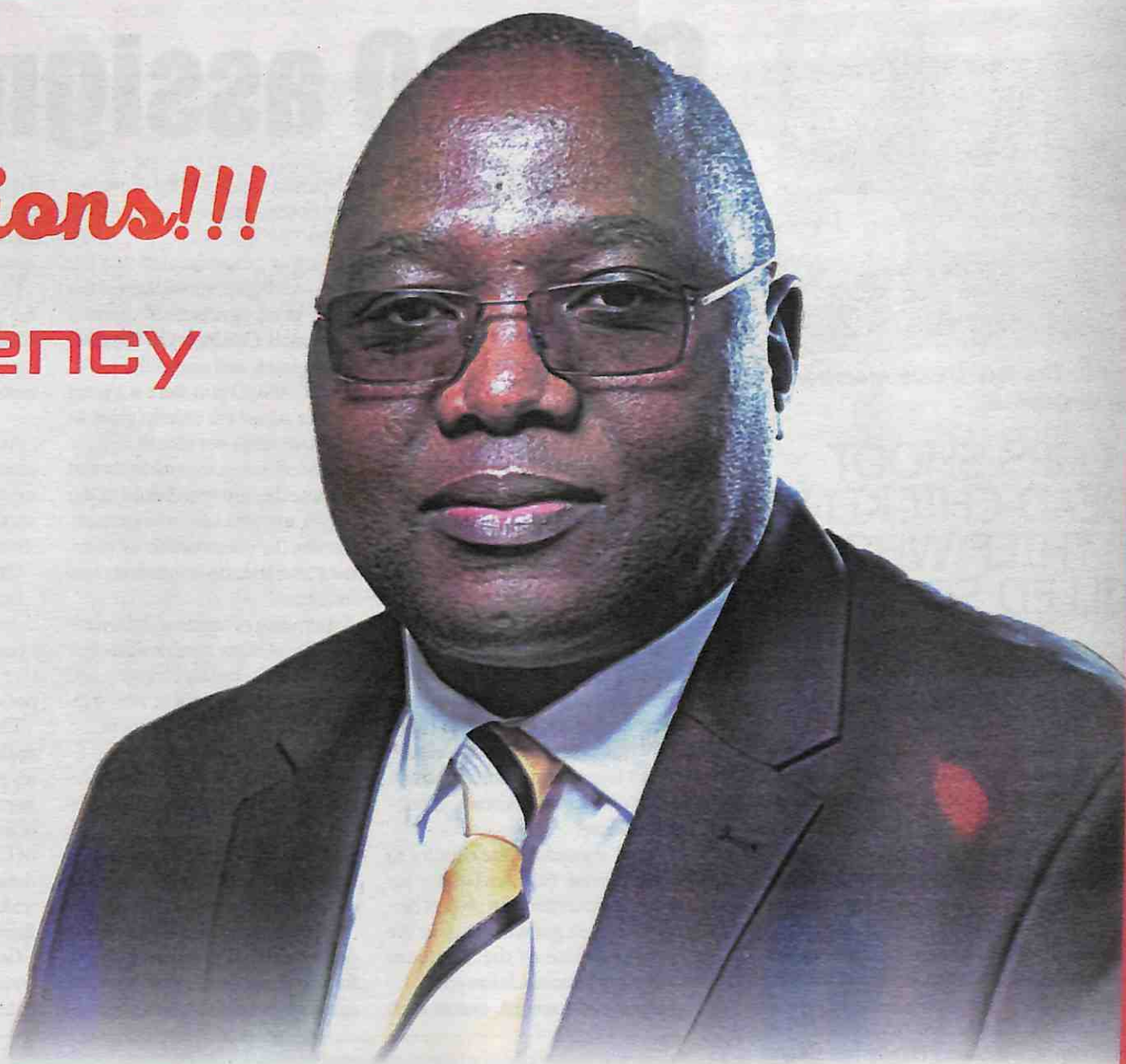
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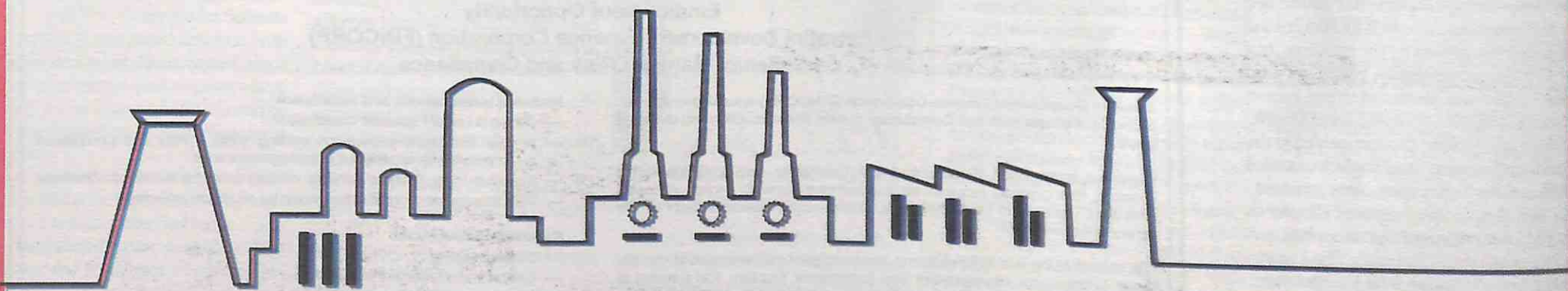
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**NO DIESEL:** The signage informing government drivers that there is no diesel at the Matsapha CTA.

## 20-year-old woman arrested for abandoning baby with 'gogo'

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

A 20-year-old woman has been arrested after dumping a two-month-old baby with her grandmother for two weeks.

Bagezile Dlamini neglected the baby for about two weeks and was found drinking at Siyabonga Bar in the company of her new boyfriend. The accused was slapped with the charge of contravening the Child Protection and Welfare Act. According to the charge sheet, Dlamini abandoned her baby with a 70-year-old woman who is her grandmother. It is alleged that the accused left the child without any diapers, clothes and food, thus exposing the child to health hazards.

She appeared at the Manzini Magistrate's Court yesterday before Magistrate Nelsiwe Hlophe. She pleaded guilty to the charge.

### Abandon

Narrating what led her to abandon her own baby, the accused informed the court that she had broken up with the father of the child after he denied paternity of the child. She said after she gave birth, she fell in love with another boyfriend who promised to support her child. However it later surfaced that the accused was still seeing the biological father of the child and in the two weeks when she had abandoned the baby she also visited him.

When asked why she was still in contact with the father of the child who had denied paternity of the child and was refusing to support the baby, the accused person informed the court that it is because she still had feelings for him.

When asked if she was sure about the paternity of the child. The accused person informed the court that she was sure as she slept with him during a party and they were both drunk and did not use protection on that day.

The crown stated that the offence committed by the accused was a serious one and that she failed to explain why she abandoned her child, but instead told the court about her escapades with other boyfriends.

The accused was remanded back into police custody until November 16, for judgement.

# MATSAPHA CTA RUNS OUT OF DIESEL

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Matsapha

GOVERNMENT cars were yesterday grounded at the central transport administration (CTA), Matsapha branch as the department had reportedly ran out of diesel.

It is said the fuel shortage affected essential departments like the police, health, fire and emergency services. The shortage was experienced at CTA Matsapha garage only. It is said there was no diesel from as early as 9am.

When reporters from this publication arrived at the garage, there was a notice written 'NO DIESEL'.

Most of the vehicles that were on the queue were government's rented cars, some which are used by police officers to transport examination papers and police officers to schools in the duration of the external exams. However, there were other government cars that included those from health, and home affairs and others. "We have been here since morning, we came from as far as Mhlume," said



**GROUNDING:** Government hired vehicles were left stranded as the Matsapha CTA ran out of fuel. This was the situation at the government garage yesterday morning. (Pics: Simon Shabangu)

one of the officers who preferred to speak on condition of anonymity. Another government driver, who was driving a Toyota Quantum, said there was no diesel, adding that vehicles using such fuel were grounded.

"Now we have to rush to other garages fill to up," he said. Meanwhile, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Public Works and Transport,

Makhosini Mndzawe when contacted said fuel shortage would not be experienced in the long term as the situation would soon be sorted.

He said this happened in all their garages and usually the situation only lasts for a couple of hours.

"This is a cycle to cycle, diesel gets used up and we order more, and it is usually delivered the same day or the next," he said.

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## 10 NATIONAL NEWS

# MALARIA CASES HAVE DROPPED

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**EFFORTS** towards fighting malaria seem to be heading to the right direction, as there is a huge drop on reported (malaria cases).

This year, the country only experienced 34 malaria cases as compared to the 648 that were dealt with last season.

National Malaria Programme Director Quinton Dlamini said Eswatini was one of the countries in the African region that are "ready to beat malaria" by 2020.

"The country is currently pursuing malaria elimination, where it hopes to have zero local malaria cases by 2020. Since the beginning of the 2018/2019 season, the country has recorded 34 local cases, a significant drop from last season's trend," Dlamini

## SADC MALARIA DAY TOMORROW

**COMMEMORATION** of Southern African Development Community (SADC) Malaria Day is recognised on November 6 every year and aims to create awareness about malaria as well as mobilise the community to participate in the malaria control programmes.

Communities are mobilised through health education to:

- Recognise signs and symptoms

of malaria upon onset

- Seek treatment as soon as they recognise signs and symptoms

- Use personal protective measure at individual, household and community level

- Accept programmes interventions for malaria prevention

This year's commemoration will be held in Namibia tomorrow where

said.

Dlamini said the country appears to be on top of the game in eliminating malaria when comparing it from the previous season.

However, these gains will be easily eroded if government was to renege on its responsibility and commitment, he said.

A total of 9 446 structures in 64 localities have been sprayed for the prevention of malaria this season.

However, the director said challenges were the frequent shortages of fuel and human resources to complete the remaining localities which are most likely to take Eswatini back to what the country experienced last year

the ministers of health from the region will attend and take part in community awareness campaign.

The theme for this year is 'Strong cross border collaboration is key to malaria elimination'.

### Aimed

This is aimed at encouraging neighbouring countries to join hands in the fight to end malaria since there is a possibility of transmitting malaria during travelling between countries in the region.

where there was an outbreak and loss of lives. Dlamini said the programme would be conducting malaria roadshows in selected towns in the country to raise awareness on malaria to the public between November and December.

"The first roadshow will be held in Pigg's Peak on Friday, while others

will be held in Buhleni, Mbabane and Manzini with dates to be announced," he said.

Meanwhile, Dlamini urged members of the public to seek health care services within 24 hours of noting malaria symptoms such as headache, fever, chills, nausea and diarrhoea.

### What is malaria?

Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease affecting humans and other animals caused by parasitic single-celled microorganisms.

### Malaria prevention measures:

- Closing windows and doors early in the evenings
- Draining stagnant pools of water
- Keeping home surroundings free from containers and overgrown vegetation
- Use of mosquito repellents
- Allowing houses to be sprayed
- Use of malaria prevention tablets when travelling to known malaria countries

*Sourced from the internet.*

## 900 TO GRADUATE AT IDM

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**INSTITUTE** of Development Management (IDM) Regional Director Richard Malikongwa has called for the prioritisation of students' welfare.

He emphasised on the critical role played by the Student Representative Council (SRC) in bringing management and students together.

Malikongwa called on the academic council to prioritise students' welfare and ensure that IDM attended to their needs while they concentrate on their studies.

The regional director was speaking on Monday during an Academic Council meeting held at Lugogo Sun. The Council included members from Botswana, Lesotho and Eswatini IDM Institute. "Students are the reason institutions exist. They are our primary stakeholders and should be given the utmost attention to allow them to fulfil their ambitions of acquiring their lifetime dreams. They are future leaders and thus should be afforded the opportunity to learn and shape skills they will require going forward," he said. The Academic Council, which

primarily comprises academics representing the academic diversity of IDM from Botswana, Lesotho and Eswatini, is the principal policy-making and advisory body on all academic matters that affect IDM's teaching, research and educational programs. It meets triennially jointly with the SRC leaders from the three countries to discuss matters pertaining to education, training, research and consultancy.

"Eswatini remains an important part of IDM. Our presence here dates as far back as over four decades, and we are committed to the kingdom and its people.

We will continue to tap from our regional strength to improve the lives of Emaswati by providing relevant programmes that respond to the needs on the ground," he said.

Malikongwa said the institute continued to grow as evidenced by their latest expansion into the northern regions of Botswana.

He highlighted that last week they opened a state-of-the-art facility in Francistown, Botswana, where they have made a phenomenal growth in the past four years. "IDM supports government's efforts of taking ser-



**KODAK MOMENT:** IDM regional office directors, campus directors, heads of discipline representatives, SRC members, registrars and staff from Botswana, Lesotho and Eswatini. (Courtesy pic)

vices to the people. We believe that the same model will certainly come to be realised in Eswatini as the institute continues with its regional growth plan," said the director.

Malikongwa added that IDM believed in consultations and collaboration so as to develop the right solutions for the market.

### Our

"We pride in many of our alumni who are absorbed in leadership positions in Eswatini, making a positive contribution to the development of the kingdom," he said.

Meanwhile, Acting Country Director, Rose Choto said the Council advised the leadership of IDM on several academic issues and helped the institute to align to the national agenda of Eswatini.

She said programmes developed and offered were informed by national policies to ensure alignment as well as relevance. "We appreciate the support and leadership we receive from our local board as well as our regulator, SHEC, who guide our adherence and conformance to regulatory standards," she said. On the same

note, IDM Marketing and Communications Manager Nontobeko Dlamini explained that as an institution with strong local and regional presence, IDM, through its events and activities that rotate around Botswana, Lesotho and Eswatini, helped in contributing towards their economic activities in a small but significant way. She added that on November 30, about 900 graduates would be conferred at Mavuso Trade Centre in Manzini, Eswatini. Dlamini said later in February next year, Eswatini would also host IDM inter-campus games.

## Man (34) charged with attempted murder

By Mncedisi Dlamini  
Mbabane

**A 34-year-old man from Lobamba is alleged to have brutally assaulted another with a plank all over the body and has since been charged with attempted murder.**

Muntu Dlamini allegedly assaulted Senzo Magebesha of Mpofu with kicks, fists and further hit him with a plank several times all over the body.

It is said the victim was later ferried to the Mbabane Government Hospital where he was admitted and later discharged.

The incident is said to have occurred on Saturday evening at Lobamba area.

The bone of contention has not been established as yet. Making an appear-

ance before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati on Tuesday at the Mbabane Magistrate's Court, the suspect elected to conduct his own defence after his rights to legal representation were read out to him.

He informed the court that he anticipated pleading guilty to the charge whilst also stating that the incident was inevitable.

The crown, represented by Chris Sibandze, made an application that Dlamini be remanded back into police custody, pending trial date.

He was advised to make a bail application at the High Court.

The attempted murder suspect was eventually remanded back into police custody by the magistrate as per the crown's application.

Dlamini is expected back in court on November 16, for trial.

## William Dlamini is Acting NatCom

By Nozipho Sibiya  
Mbabane

**SENIOR** Deputy National Commissioner William Dlamini has been appointed acting National Commissioner of Police.

The appointment of Dlamini comes after former national commissioner of police Isaac Magagula was made a Senator by His Majesty King Mswati III.

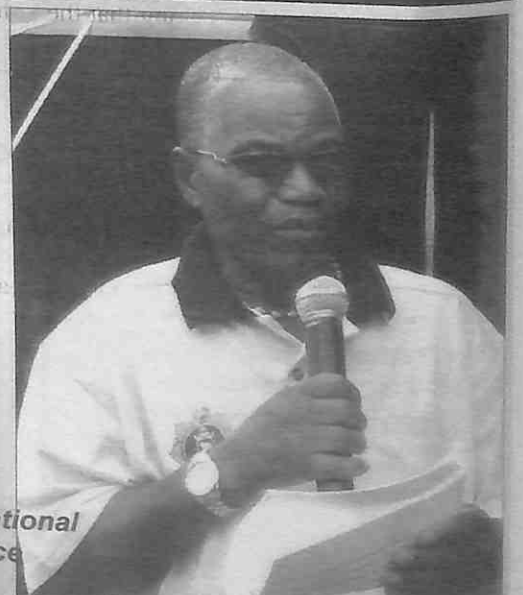
This was confirmed by Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati on Tuesday.

However, she could not state the duration of Dlamini's acting appointment.

### Appointment

"Following the appointment of Isaac Mmemo Magagula as Senator in the Senate, it has pleased His Majesty King Mswati III and Ingwenyama of Eswatini to appoint William Dlamini as the acting National Commissioner of Police," she said in a press statement.

**NEW ROLE:** Acting National Commissioner of Police William Dlamini.





# FARMERS ACCUSED OF ENRICHING THEMSELVES WITH COMPANY'S E135 000

Stories by Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**TWO members of a sugar cane company in the Lubombo region have been accused of enriching themselves through the company's proceeds. They have been accused of syphoning about E135 000.**

The two; Mhlembisi Simelane and Philile Dlamini, are alleged to have embezzled the funds between the period of January 2016 to December 2017 while acting jointly and in a furtherance of a common purpose as they syphoned out of Magcineni Investments (Pty) Ltd a total sum of E135 091 for their personal use.

According to particulars of claim filed by the company (plaintiff), the defendants (Simelane and Dlamini) were the chairperson and treasurer, respectively, and were responsible for making payments from the plaintiff's bank account.

The two allegedly acted unlawfully in that they did not have the authority to use the plaintiff's funds for their own personal use.

"The defendants were therefore unjustly enriching themselves with the sum of E135 091 and are liable to pay plaintiff the said sum. Despite demand, the defendants fail or refuse to pay plaintiff the sum of money or any sum at all, hence plaintiff claims the said sum from them jointly and severally the one



**ORDER: The High Court of Eswatini building where the warrant of execution was issued.**

paying the other to be absolved at an interest of nine per cent per annum," reads the combined summons.

According to the warrant of execution issued by the High Court, the sheriff or his lawful deputy for Lubombo region or any other authorised person is hereby directed to attach

and take into execution the immovable goods of Mhlembisi Simelane and adult male of Mangcineni area and Philile Dlamini, an adult female of the same area, and cause to be realised by public auction the sum of E135 091, together with interest at the rate of nine per cent per annum plus costs of suit.

## ...Two farmers file urgent application for stay of execution

**IN a bid to prevent two cars from being sold through public auction after being attached, the two have since run to court seeking an order to have the sale in execution stayed.**

Represented by lawyer Kwanele Magagula of Sithole, Magagula Attorneys, the two have taken the sugar cane farmer's company to court where they allege that the vehicles were wrongfully attached as one of the cars does not belong to Philile Dlamini while the other is still the property of an import car dealing company.

According to Simelane in his papers filed before court, they are also seeking that the order of the High Court issued against them

be set aside and rescinded and further directing and ordering two Deputy Sheriffs Samkelo Ngwenya and Felix Vilakati to release the motor vehicles allegedly unlawfully attached.

### Unlawful

Meanwhile, in respect of Philile, they are seeking an order declaring the attachment of a vehicle belonging to Milton Dlamini (her husband) unlawful and directing same to be released to its owner.

The cars; a Hyundai Tucson 2007 model in respect of Simelane, who alleged that it is still the property of the Matsapha based car dealer Motor Centre as it is still being paid for, while the other car is a Mazda Axcella belonging to Milton Dlamini not Philile.

According to Simelane, they received summons in respect of the accusations that they embezzled funds and thereafter approached lawyer Zonke Magagula in a quest to have the matter solved amicably and Magagula stressed that there was a need for him to engage the two with the rest of the board members.

However, Simelane said he received a call from a friend of his who advised that he had seen a court roll in the newspapers and that his name was amongst defendants and he then instructed Magagula to defend the action.

He submitted that there was an error in granting of the default judgment as they had already filed a notice of intention to defend.



## HUBBY BEATEN TO A PULP BY WIFE, FRIEND

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**"YOU touch a woman, you touch a rock."**

This is a direct translation of a Zulu saying; "Wathinta abafazi, wathinta imbokodo". Emaswati are also familiar with the saying as it is commonly used by both nationals.

The saying could also be used to explain what one Zondwako Mamba (57) experienced when he attempted to assault his wife, Thandi Maziya in front of her friends while at a drinking spot.

Mamba was thoroughly beaten up by the two women as they retaliated to his unbecoming act.

The two women were eventually arrested and charged with assault after the man sustained injuries. Christina Mamba (46) was the second accused person in the matter which was brought before the Eswatini National Court.

According to the charge sheet, the accused persons did wrongfully and unlawfully assault Mamba by hitting him with sticks several times on the head and body.

### Realising

When the charge sheet was read to the accused persons, each of them pleaded guilty. When presenting his evidence, Mamba said he went to the drinking spot to fetch his wife after realising that it was getting late in the evening.

He said an argument ensued between them as his wife was not ready to go home. Mamba said he attempted to drag his wife home, something which resulted to him being attacked and assaulted by the two women. He alleged that he was beaten up until he was rescued by other patrons at the drinking spot.

During cross-examination, the second accused person said she was only assisting her friend after noting that she was being assaulted by her husband. Both accused persons admitted to have used sticks to hit the complainant. They were accordingly found guilty by the court. The court highlighted that the accused persons were lucky to have not been charged with the Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Act. Each of them was sentenced to four months in a correctional facility with an option to pay E400 fine.

## Businessman's assault case truck off from court roll

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**SITEKI businessman Mfanufikile Mashaba's assault case has once again been struck off the court roll as the prosecution seemingly is uncertain on who should preside in the matter.**

Mashaba, a public transport operator who owns a fleet of Quantums, was arrested in January and charged with common assault.

According to the charge sheet, he was alleged to have wrongfully and unlawfully assaulted Musa Augustine Xaba by threatening to kill him.

### Appearance

Xaba is a public transport vehicles examiner, and has become very popular amongst public transport operators. At the time of the alleged assault, Xaba was on official duty.

Mashaba made his first appearance in January before Principal Magistrate Dumisani Magagula. The businessman told the court that he would be



pleading not guilty to the charge when trial finally commences.

However, for the past 10 months, the matter has been dragging before court without commencing trial. The delay in the commencement of trial

has seen the matter being struck off the court roll two times already.

Mashaba is represented by lawyer Mzobanzi Dlamini. The matter was back in court last Friday, where the date of trial was to be set.

However, the Crown stated that the prosecution has received a directive that the matter be presided over by another judicial officer, other than the principal magistrate.

This is what was said to have delayed the commencement of trial. Prosecutor Zanele Mabila filed an application to

have the matter removed from the roll. The application was not objected by defence counsel.

### Recalling

Worth recalling from a previous appearance before the same court is that Mashaba told the court that the complainant fabricated a statement against him as a way to frustrate him in his business.

At one instance, Mashaba asked the court to issue an order stopping the complainant from examining any of his public transport vehicles, saying he always found fault where there was none. His application was unsuccessful though.



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# E2.7m ROAD NOW OPEN TO PUBLIC AT PIGG'S PEAK

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**THE** Pigg's Peak Town Council has opened the upgraded Peak Primary School road worth E2.7million to the public.

The road measures 350 metres and will serve the Pigg's Peak Town Council Civic Centre Building as well as government offices nearby.

The road will also be utilised by the Pigg's Peak Inkhundla as well as the Peak Primary School.

The upgrade of the Peak Primary School road began on June 28 after Pots Construction won the tender to construct it from the Pigg's Peak Town Council.

The tender is worth a total of E2 773 472.94.

The main upgrade to the road has been the introduction of bitumen standard, more commonly known as tar or asphalt. Speaking to this publication on Tuesday, Pigg's Peak Town Council Clerk/CEO Mzwandile Ndzinisa said the road is now complete and is open to the public.

"At this point, it is safe to say the Peak Primary School road is practi-



**REVAMPED:** The upgraded Peak Primary School road worth E2.7 million. (Pic: Sizwe Dlamini)

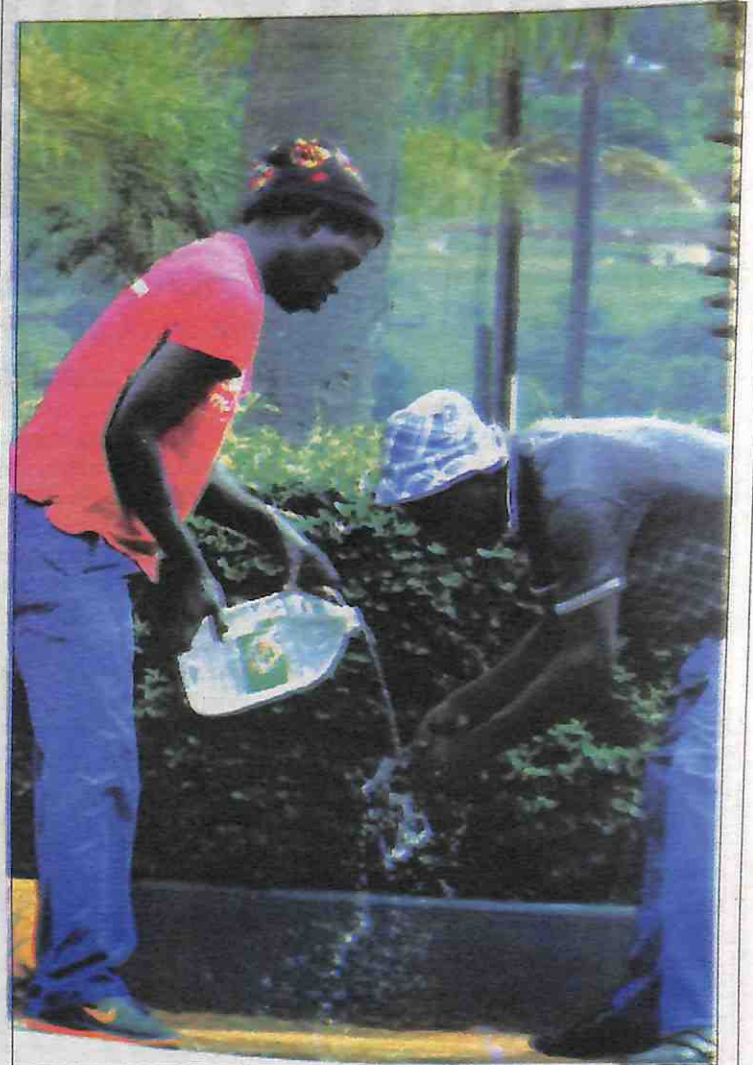
cally complete as it is now open to motorists.

This comes five months after the Pigg's Peak Town Council signed a contract with Pots Construction Pty (Ltd), for the upgrading of the Peak Primary School road.

The contract sum was E2 773 472.94 and the work on the road started in early June 2018," he said. "As we speak, the contractor is completing

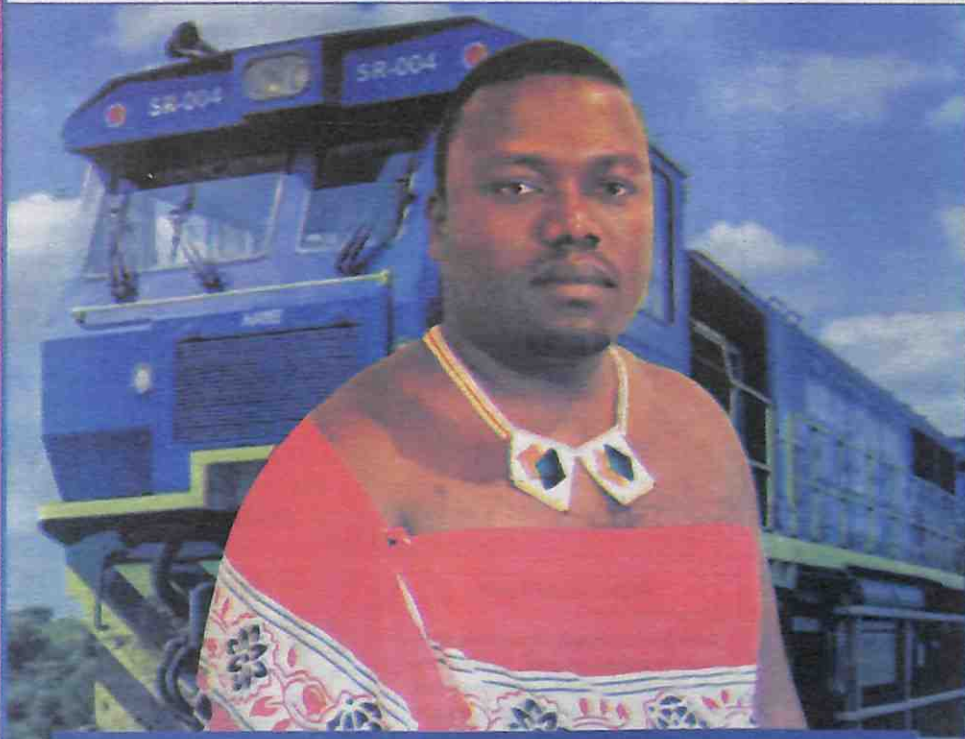
pedestrian walkways along the road. Benefits of this project are the development of infrastructure as this is an important aspect of improving service delivery to the residents of Pigg's Peak. Also, the Pigg's Peak Town Council believes the Peak Primary School road upgrade will improve property values in the area and, by extension, owners of vacant plots will develop their properties in the near future," he added.

## KEEP YOUR HANDS CLEAN



**A FRIEND INDEED:** Two men help each other wash their hands after fixing a car at the Corner Plaza on Tuesday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

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## 14 NATIONAL NEWS

# CHARGES WITHDRAWN AGAINST MIKE MAMBA

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**CHARGES** against businessman Michael Mamba in the alleged Contravention of the Theft of Motor Vehicle Act have been withdrawn by the High Court.

The order was issued by the High Court following an application that was filed by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to the effect that the charges be withdrawn.

The Crown was represented by Principal Crown counsel Macebo Nxumalo in the matter that was before Justice Ticheme Dlamini.

Mamba had been slapped with three charges which are theft of a motor vehicle, uttering a forged document and contravening Section 42 (1) read with Section 2(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 5 of 2006.

According to the Crown's indictment it alleged that the truck valued at E600 000 was stolen in South Africa, Durban in the lawful possession of Shawn Murugan.

The matter was initially before High

*...High Court Judge Ticheme Dlamini issued an order that truck theft charges are forthwith withdrawn following an application filed by the Crown*

Court Principal Judge Stanley Maphalala before it was dealt with by Judge Dlamini and Mamba had pleaded not guilty to all the charges against him.

The director of public prosecutions had failed to locate the South African truck that was released to the person who claimed ownership.

Through his lawyer Sabelo Bhembe of Bhembe Attorneys, he had applied for its return in order to question the witnesses afresh as the trial was before another Judge.

Mamba had initially instructed lawyer Martin Dlamini to represent him at trial and he pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

The trial commenced and the claimant of the truck was called to come to his vehicle (evidence) where an inspection in loco was conducted at the Lobamba Police Station.

After that the claimant applied to have the truck released to him and the court

granted him his wish.

Mamba instructed lawyer Bhembe and the latter applied to be given the record of proceedings to acclimatise himself with the matter.

That could not be done as the record was incomplete. Bhembe also filed an application to have the truck returned and the witness recalled.

The crown, opposed the application, but the court overruled it on the grounds that it was Mamba's right.

Judge Maphalala had stated that the parties' lawyers ended up agreeing that the matter should be started afresh and it was postponed to another date.

However, on the return date Mamba argued that the matter could not start afresh in the absence of an exhibit in court.

Following Judge Maphalala's appointment to the Supreme Court bench, the matter was then allocated to Judge Dlamini.

## Cash for jobs cases complex to crack - Cops

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**WHEN** thugs break into a shop such criminal activity is pretty-easy for police to resolve.

However, when people collude in cash-for-jobs, it takes much more collaboration with parties involved, more skill, and time for the police to resolve.

That notwithstanding, the Royal Eswatini Police Service continues to crack a number of such cases by investigating which leads to arrest, prosecution and successful conviction of suspects.

According to Police Chief Information and Communication Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, such cases are difficult to crack because both parties work together in the commission of the crime, which makes them difficult to investigate.

"It has been observed as well that most of these cash-for-jobs cases are driven by people's desperation which means that often, fundamental precautions are not taken by the people who end up being robbed of their hard earned money," explains Vilakati.

She further indicates that while some of the recent cash-for-jobs crimes have been committed through Mobile Money, it does not mean that the payment platform is a problem.

"What is actually a challenge is the collusion and non-reporting of such cases which is often accompanied by a bridge of normal processes which should make it easier to trace suspects, like cash outs without an ID, for instance," explains Vilakati.

MTN's Corporate Affairs Manager, Mandla Luphondvo, who was also engaged on this matter, agrees with Vilakati. "Preliminary findings on this challenge show that at least 49 people have been defrauded about E80 000 in the form of deposits made through Mobile Money to different numbers which are suspected to be part of the cash-for-jobs syndicate which uses the ministry of agriculture and other government parastatals as prospective places of employment," he explains.



**AGREES: MTN Eswatini's Corporate Communications Manager Mandla Luphondvo.**

While Mobile Money has made it convenient for both the banked and unbanked, to send and/or receive money from friends and loved ones, the payment platform is also being abused by connen who now collect cash from unemployed citizens, who are made to believe they will be rewarded with jobs.

### Prevention

To avoid these thriving criminal activities, Vilakati encourages all those who have lost their money to report such incidents to the nearest police station. Further, she says it is important for the public to know that the person paying for a job is committing a crime just like the one who is milking a desperate job seeker of his money.

As a precautionary measure Luphondvo encourages Mobile Money customers to exercise caution each time they are to transact on the platform.

"Besides the fact that the cash-for-jobs is illegal, it is rare that applicants are required to deposit money, in the region of thousands, before they are considered for employment. That should be the first point that triggers suspicion. Customers need to make sure that they pay for authentic good and services, which are legal," said Luphondvo. He further encouraged Mobile Money customers to avoid the use of remote deposits where you call a person to collude with a Mobile Money vendor to deposit money into your wallet in your absence. "The use of personal identification documents and verification of customers transacting on Mobile Money is a regulatory requirement that additionally protects those transacting on the platform," he concluded.

## ROYAL DUTIES



**LOADED:** Warriors loaded at the back of the truck on their way to Ludzidzini Royal Residence after collecting some fire wood yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

## YELLOW FEVER OUTBREAK...

# Don't panic, health ministry warns Emaswati

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**FOLLOWING** the yellow fever outbreak in Ethiopia, the Director of Health Services Dr Vusi Magagula calls for the country not to panic.

"Yes, there is a yellow fever outbreak but Eswatini should not panic, the country is not yet in danger," Magagula said on Tuesday during an interview.

Magagula shared that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has 1.45 million doses of yellow fever vaccine from its

emergency stockpile after the deadly mosquito-borne disease killed 10 people in southwestern Ethiopia

The outbreak, the director said, was confirmed in Wolaita Zone of the Southern nations, nationalities, and peoples' region and has been traced back to a patient who fell ill on August 21. It has caused 35 suspected cases of the disease and has taken lives of 10 civilians. Magagula stated that symptoms of the disease are almost similar to that of malaria which includes fever, headache, jaundice, muscle pain, nausea, vomit-

ing and fatigue. Magagula added that only a small proportion of patients who contract the virus develop severe symptoms and about half of those die within seven to 10 days.

Moreover, Magagula said Eswatini have vaccines for yellow fever which can be easily accessed from local hospitals.

He said the country has never lost lives due to yellow fever and that Eswatini has made vaccines available for the nation, especially those who are travelling to other countries.

The director explained that yellow fever vaccines are strong and a person is required to have a dose once in their lifetime, not twice.

He urged the nation to always visit the hospital for a yellow fever vaccine whenever they are travelling.

"Yellow fever is prevented by an

### What is yellow fever?

Yellow fever is an acute viral hemorrhagic disease transmitted by infected mosquitoes. The 'yellow' in the name refers to the jaundice that affects some patients. Symptoms of yellow fever include fever, headache, jaundice, muscle pain, nausea, vomiting and fatigue.

A small proportion of patients who contract the virus develop severe symptoms and approximately half of those die within seven to 10 days.

Large epidemics of yellow fever occur when infected people introduce the virus into heavily populated areas with high mosquito density and where most people have little or no immunity due to lack of vaccination.

A booster dose of the vaccine is not needed. The vaccine provides effective immunity within 10 days for 80 to 100 per cent of people vaccinated, and within 30 days for more than 99 per cent of people vaccinated.

### Signs and symptoms

Once contracted, the yellow fever virus incubates in the body for three to six days. Many people do not experience symptoms, but when these do occur, the most common are fever, muscle pain with prominent backache, headache, loss of appetite, and nausea or vomiting. In most cases, symptoms disappear after three to four days.

A small percentage of patients, however, enter a second, more toxic phase within 24 hours of recovering from initial symptoms. High fever returns and several body systems are affected, usually the liver and the kidneys. In this phase people are likely to develop jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes, hence the name 'yellow fever'), dark urine and abdominal pain with vomiting. Bleeding can occur from the mouth, nose, eyes or stomach. Half of the patients who enter the toxic phase die within seven - 10 days.

Sourced from the Internet

extremely effective vaccine, which is safe and affordable.

A single dose of yellow fever vaccine is sufficient to confer sustained immunity and life-long protection against yellow fever disease," Magagula said.

The director urged the nation to make sure that one never travels to other countries without getting the vaccine, especially to countries where the yellow fever virus is endemic, normally common in the tropical regions of Africa.



# ANGRY STUDENTS STORM MITC, COPS CALLED IN

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

POLICE had to be called when livid Manzini Industrial Training Centre, (MITC), Siteki Industrial Training Centre (SITC), and Nhlanguano Agricultural Skills Training Centre (NASTC) students stormed MITC premises in Manzini demanding to be allowed back to class or be refunded their money after the skills centres halted operations.

Skills centres around the country closed three months back, citing the lack of funds as the main reason for the closure. Students were sent home and told they would be informed when to return to class.

The over 500 trainees from the Swaziland Skills Centres (SSC) are now frustrated as they have still not been called back and are languishing at home. On Tuesday, a section of the students stormed the institutions offices in Manzini, demanding an audience with SCC Director Brian Magongo. However, upon seeing the angry students blocking the gate early in the morning, it is said the administration officers quickly left the place and called the police to calm the angry students.

The security guard manning the area locked out the students with the help of police officers.

Police then engaged the students and tried to get them to talk with the admin-



**NEGOTIATION:** Student representatives negotiating with police officers outside the gate.

istration to no avail.

The students were informed that the superiors had since left the premises and efforts to get hold of them were futile as their phones were later switched off. The students made it clear that they will not back down until they are addressed on the issue.

They have given the administration a week to meet and come back with answers by Monday. The students said failure to do so would result in them taking drastic action, come Tuesday next week. They said the sad part is that they were forced to pay fees before they could even start lessons.

"But now that we have paid, we are being chucked out of the institutions," they said.

The students alleged that it seems there is a person whom they referred to as a 'fat rat' who is helping himself on the funds meant to run the skills centres and this has resulted in the institutions failing to purchase learning materials, pay salaries for support staff, settle electricity bills and other ancillary expenses.

They said this has led to the closure of the skills centres. For the better part of Tuesday, police and students were involved in a stand-off at the institution's gate.

## Brief background of the matter

STUDENTS enrolled at the Swaziland Skills Centres were sent home in September after the institutions were closed as government and the directors failed to reach an agreement.

The bone of contention being that the SSC maintains that it is not accountable to the ministry but to the directors of the company while government, on the other hand, demands that the managers must ensure that the subvention is accounted for since management signs the cheques.

It is said in the past, government would simply release subventions to the institutions and did not keep track of the funds as the directors of SSC did not account for the funding save to train those that had enrolled. However, it has been reported that since this year, things took an unusual turn as government introduced a monitoring tool of accountability in the use of the funds.

This has been through planting centre managers who act as 'principals' to report to the ministry on the use of the public funds, among other responsibilities. They are to ensure that the funds are used accordingly and procurement procedures are adhered to. These are to be co-signatories with the director(s) and financial officer on the funds.

This seems to have been the root cause of the disagreement between government and SSC. This disagreement ended with the institutions failing to pay staff and buy material, among other things.

After fruitless meetings between government, SCC and students, the institutions ended up being closed indefinitely by the ministry of education and training through a letter from Principal Secretary Dr Sibongile Mtshali, dated September 13.

## SCC gave us unsatisfactory answers - PS Mtshali

CONTACTED, Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Training Dr Sibongile Mtshali, who authorised the closure of the institution, said there is no hope that the skills centre would be opened anytime soon.

She said this is because they have received unsatisfactory responses from the SCC in terms of accounting for funds given to them.

Mtshali said as a ministry, they have since engaged their legal advisors who are now handling the matter and they would advise the ministry on the next step to take.

She said it must be noted that SCC is a private company and it is hard for government to intervene without engaging the directors of the company. Mtshali said all they want is for the company to be accountable on who

signs for the funds that would be released by government and they have refused to do that, something which places the ministry in an awkward position. She said if the company does not want to comply then, as government, they will not be able to release the funds.

The principal secretary said they have since learned that sponsors of the students paid for nothing as the learners are not attending classes as some are made to attend classes in the morning. Other students only attend classes in the afternoon.

"That is not how institutions of higher learning are run. We have to fix this," she said. She wondered how the students could be helped now in the event the centres could reopen since they have already lost a lot in terms of learning.



**TALKS:** Police officers in talks with some students at the gate. (Pics: Sifiso Nhlabatsi)

## MONKEY BONDING WITH ITS BABY



**WHO ARE YOU?:** The arrival of our photographer disturbed what could have been a bonding moment for this monkey and its baby before they disappeared into the bushes next to the Royal Swazi Sun yesterday. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



## 16-month baby boy found abandoned

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlanguano

POLICE are looking for the mother of a 16-month old baby boy who was found dumped at a makeshift structure near Ned-so outside Nhlanguano.

The healthy looking baby boy was found by a passerby on Saturday morning. According to Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, the baby was found neatly wrapped in blankets and well placed on a structure resembling a makeshift market. She said it was clear that someone placed the baby in the vicinity and ruled out the possibility that it (baby) was forgotten by its mother or anyone related to him. Others

in the community were of the view that since there is a bus stop close to where the baby was found, it could be that its mother forgot it as she boarded a bus or any other public transport.

"Hlatikulu police are appealing to the members of the public to assist in finding the baby's mother or relatives. The baby was found by a man who was just passing by and it was wrapped with blankets alive. We appeal to anyone who can assist us in tracing the parent/s to call the acting (Shiselweni) Regional Crime Branch Officer (RCBO) Superintendent Celani Mabuza at 7607 6431 or Hlatikulu Police Desk Officer Bheka Mabuza at 7614 2045. They (public) can also call 999 or any of the nearest police stations," said Supt. Vilakati.

## Repeat offender fined E2 000 for bashing lover

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

REPEAT offender Sihle Sibandze was fined E2 000 for assaulting his girlfriend Nomcebo Dlamini for the second time.

Sibandze was arrested over the past weekend after he assaulted Dlamini with fists and kicks all over her body.

The assault occurred at the Sibandze homestead at Horo. After the assault, Sibandze was arrested by Horo police on Sunday. After his arrest, he appeared before the Pigg's Peak Magistrate's Court for a second time. In court, Sibandze pleaded guilty to the crime of assault. However, while explaining his reasons behind the assault, Sibandze confessed that this was the second time he appeared in court for

the same offence against his girlfriend.

Unbeknown to him, this revelation coerced Magistrate Sabelo Khumalo to impose a stiffer sentence on the accused.

Khumalo said domestic violence could only be eradicated when harsh sentences against such actions were harsh.

"Domestic violence is a very serious problem in Africa and the reason for this is that the law does not impose stiff sentences on men found guilty of gender based violence. Many females are victims to gender based violence and this must stop immediately. I will sentence you to 20 months imprisonment or a fine option of E2 000 for the assault of Dlamini. I hope that I will never see you in this courtroom again," he said.



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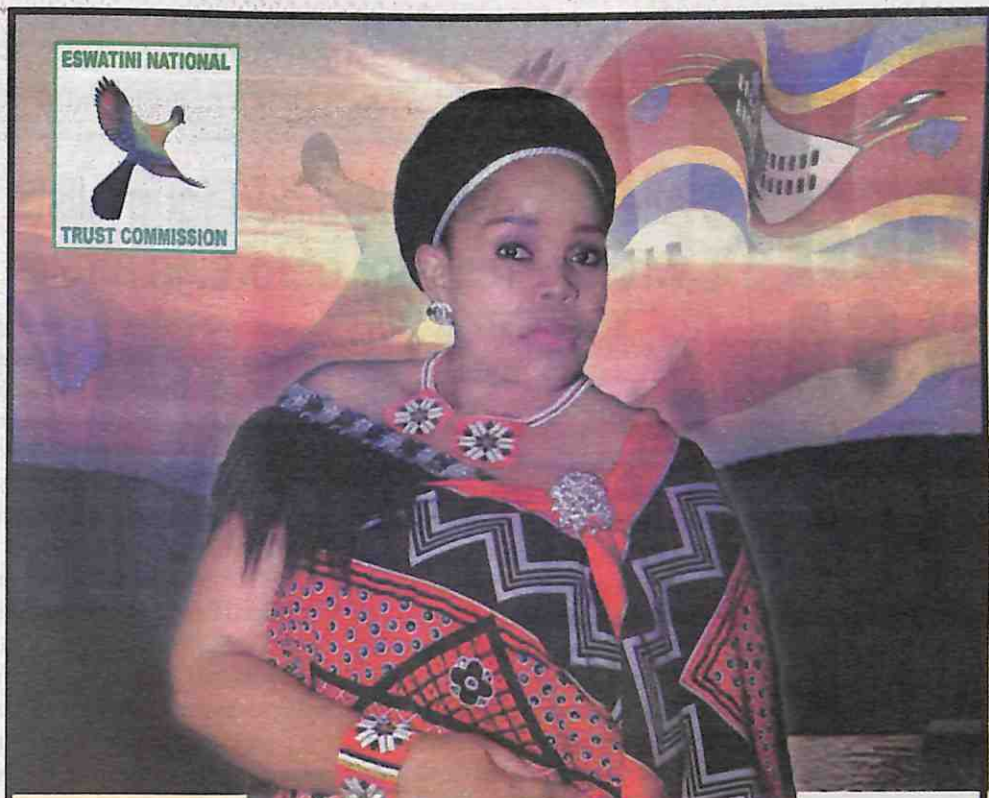
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We wish you and your cabinet success in your endeavours as you lead our country forward.

**Bayethe! Wena Waphakathi.**



# LISWATI THROWN UNDER MOVING TRUCK, DIES IN SA

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

A local truck driver based in the Republic of South Africa died tragically after being thrown under a moving truck in the neighbouring country.

Zweli Gamedze (33) of Mpolonjeni in Siteki was an employee of Mangethe Transport, a truck company situated in the Gauteng Province in Katlehong. He reported for duty on October 28, on a Sunday afternoon and was headed for Delmas where he had to fetch bags of cement.

This was revealed by his colleague at Mangethe, who also happens to be his neighbour in Siteki. Speaking on condition of anonymity, he said his colleague had a reflector on the passenger's seat and while he was driving the truck, he was stopped by members of the Kombi association along Daveyton who inspect the ferrying of potential customers by the heavy vehicles. Apparently, they had mistaken the reflector for a passenger. After realising that Gamedze was alone in the truck, an argument erupted and bitter words were exchanged. The three Kombi association members who had stopped him

allegedly pushed him as the argument gained momentum. An oncoming truck hit him and he fell to the ground. After the incident, the three are said to have took off in a vehicle they were travelling in, leaving Gamedze for dead.

"The truck driver who hit Gamedze quickly took the car registration of the offenders and he called the police who chased after them.

Two of them were apprehended and the other is still at large. Gamedze was then rushed to hospital by the police but he succumbed to death the following day due to severe injuries and internal bleeding," said the source.

His grandmother, Gogo Mkhonta said that the corpse is still in South Africa at Hillbrow mortuary and the family is still trying to arrange for his transportation into the country with financial constraints deferring them. His company allegedly gave the family only E7 000, which was the deceased's monthly salary yet the costs of ferrying the corpse are above that.

"We are still devastated by his passing and we have spoken to several people whom we hope will help us in repatriating his body back to the country for burial," she said.

Gamedze's parents passed away according to his grandmother and he had two



RIP: Dead truck driver Zweli Gamedze.

children at the time of his passing. Bigboy Magagula, one of the local truck drivers in SA, said that they are also doing amends to help the situation by contributing financially but they have not gathered enough thus far.

He said they are hopeful that the money will be enough to cover the cost before the week ends. Police Information and Communication Officer (PICO) Phindile Vilakati said that they have no link with South African police hence the matter had not yet reached their attention. However, she said that cases of this nature are on the rise and they will try to forge a working medium with the neighbouring country so that they are alerted on these cases.

## Allegations of detained journalists wrong - ministry of foreign affairs

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**THE ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation has, after investigations, found that allegations against the Charge d'Affaires of Qatar's Embassy over the detention of two local journalists, are incorrect.**

The two journalists, from The Times of Swaziland, were at the embassy to interview Qatar's Acting Ambassador Yaqoub Al Mulla about an incident in which he allegedly pointed a firearm at a street vendor.

The ambassador allegedly agreed to the interview but then tried to force the newspaper's business editor Kwanele Dhladhla and investigative journalist Welcome Dlamini to sign a secrecy agreement on October 5.

The ministry of foreign affairs announced that it is investigating an incident involving the Charge d'Affaires of Qatar's Embassy in the Kingdom of Eswatini, and journalists from the newspaper.

According to reports from Qatar, the peninsular Arab country's Foreign Affairs ministry said on Tuesday, as part of this investigation, the Government of Qatar received a

report from the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation of Eswatini stating: "We have investigated the allegations that the Charge d'Affaires detained journalists at the Embassy of Qatar and we found that these allegations are incorrect."

The statement said that the report concluded that "based on this evidence, it is clear that journalists dealt with the Charge d'Affaires in an unprofessional manner, and that the portrayal of events was exaggerated and the matter was described as detention."

It added that "While the report of the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini confirms that journalists violated the rules of conduct and professionalism during their interview with the Charge d'Affaires, the Government of the State of Qatar will continue its examination of the incident to determine whether any of the rules and protocols of the State of Qatar related to handling the press have been violated."

The ministry confirmed that it takes the freedom of the press seriously, stressing that "if any violation is found, an appropriate action will be taken."

## Eswatini forwards condolences to Indonesia

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**THE Kingdom of Eswatini has sent its heartfelt condolences to Indonesia following the killing of 189 passengers and crew on board the Indonesian Lion Air Flight 610 last month.**

"I have it in my command by His Majesty King Mswati III of the Kingdom of Eswatini, Her Majesty the Queen, the Government and the people of Eswatini, as well as my own to express our grief in learning about the tragic loss of lives as a result of the air accident with 189 lives aboard," said the country's Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini in a statement.

The statement mentioned that the ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation presents its compliments to the embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, resident in Pretoria. It fur-



MADVUDVU: Prime Minister Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini.

ther stated that the ministry has the honour to request the Embassy to transmit the Eswatini's deepest condolences to the Indonesian President Joko Widodo, the government and the people of Indonesia on their loss.

"It is our hope and prayer that the Almighty God will comfort the next of kin and friends of those who lost their lives, the government and the people of Indonesia during this dark hour of bereavement," PM said.

Flight 610 was a scheduled domestic passenger flight operated by the Indonesian Airline Lion Air from Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta to Depati Amir Airport in Pangkal Pinang.

The wreckage from the Boeing 737 MAX 8 aircraft was found in the Java Sea, off the coast of Java. All 189 passengers and crew were killed in the accident. One of the flight recorders from the aircraft was retrieved by a diver on November 1.

Meanwhile, the ministry of foreign affairs said it avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Pretoria, the assurances of its highest consideration.

## Rains, winds cause 5-hour power outage in Pigg's Peak

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**MONDAY'S heavy rains coupled with strong winds caused a five-hour power outage in the Pigg's Peak Central Business District (CBD).**

The multiple stop-start electricity outages affected the whole Pigg's Peak shopping centre complex buildings as well as the building located behind the bus rank.

One of the electricians from the Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC), who preferred anonymity, said the reason why some building experienced the outage while others did not was because the electricity lines followed different routes through the small town.

"Not all the business buildings in the town suffered the electricity outages; this is because the electricity lines in the CBD follow different routes.

The bad weather is the chief cause for the electricity outages, but we are working quickly to rectify these problems," he said.

The electrician added that the town does not usually suffer electricity outages, but bad weather is unpredictable.

"As you can see, we are working quickly to resolve the problem, also it is very dangerous for us technicians to touch electricity while it rains so it would be a good idea if we wait and work only when the bad wet weather conditions have subsided," he added.

## No funds for fighting climate change in Eswatini

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**UNLIKE other countries, Eswatini does not have funds saved strictly for fighting the effects of climate change and ozone depletion.**

The Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Principal Secretary Emmanuel Dlamini said the country is not capable of handling huge amounts of funds aimed a climate change effects.

In an interview, the PS said the chang-

ing climate impacts society and ecosystems in a broad variety of ways.

He said one of the most alarming climate change effects is the dents on a country's economy.

"Climate-related impacts are occurring across the country and over many sectors of our economy. Government must play a central role to tackle the climate change crisis," he said.

He said a country has to have an authentic absorbing capacity, good managerial system which is corruption free or have principles on how to deal with corruption for it to han-

dle the donated large sum of funds. As a result, most large sum projects are handled by non-governmental organisations.

The PS said climate change can alter rainfall, influence crop yields, affect human health, cause changes to forests and other ecosystems, and even impact our energy supply.

"To avoid the worst effects of climate change, we need to dramatically reduce global carbon emissions. But we must also prepare for the significant and unavoidable consequences of carbon emissions such as increas-

ing temperatures, shifting precipitation patterns and the increasing intensity and frequency of extreme weather events," he said.

The PS said Eswatini can work with local communities to help nature and prepare people for the many impacts of the changing climate especially the conservation of forestry.

He emphasised that forests are home to many of the country's most endangered wildlife.

They also protect the planet by absorbing carbon dioxide, a major source of pollution that causes climate change.

"Eswatini needs to work directly

with countries, especially developing ones, to protect forests and benefit the livelihoods of local communities," Dlamini said.

Moreover, Dlamini said the ministry will be hosting a dialogue soon for sectors that are relevant to climate change namely, ministry of agriculture, natural resources and energy and other sectors that dwell on soil and waste. "Recommendations will be shared on how Eswatini can do to protect herself from the effects of climate change and those recommendations will be presented to an upcoming international meeting in Poland," he said.



# INDVUNA IN CHILD SEX SCAM

Stories by Thembeke Dlamini  
Manzini

**A traditional indvuna is at the centre of a clandestine sex scam involving various young girls at a certain rural area under the Manzini region.**

The indvuna, who is of pensionable age and a beneficiary of elderly grants, is said to have, over the years, lured young girls to his shop situated in the area.

He is said to have given the children foodstuffs and money in exchange for sexual favours as he operates a small grocery shop.

According to a relative to a young

woman, Nokukhanya\* (21), who is said to have been in a 'relationship' with the indvuna since she was in primary school, they were 'aware' that something was not right for several years and could not stop the relationship.

"She was in Grade Six when they started the relationship to the extent that the girl became wayward and later fell pregnant," said a close relative who did not want to be named.

The relative said she could not state who the father of the child was because they became aware of the child's behavioural issues, along with the fact that she had a long term 'relationship' with the indvuna.

"I don't know if she really had multiple partners, but she had to drop out of school while doing Form Two and has never returned after falling pregnant."

Another family member stated that the young woman was invited to live with a relative and allegedly started having sexual relations with the husband and thereafter fell pregnant.

The suspicions which have over the years been whispered are said to have come to the fore recently when the young woman, on seeing the elderly man's car approaching the small grocery store, rushed to meet him as they usually did. "When she got there, she was shocked to see the man's wife

there as well and stated that she had forgotten money to buy as she made a return home."

Unfortunately, the wife is said to have been suspicious of the young woman who had looked at her husband adoringly.

Also, the fact that she did not have any money irked the wife further who has over the years been worried about the operations at the shop as stock was bought but no profit forthcoming.

As the young woman was leaving, the wife followed her out of the shop much against her husband's warning to desist as she was angry.

The confrontation is alleged to have

escalated to violence with the wife beating up the young woman to a near pulp and warning her to stay away from her husband.

Another neighbour alleged that the affair between Nokukhanya and the elderly man became the talk of the area after another school going girl found out that the two were an item, whereas she thought she was his only affair.

"When Zandile\* found out that Nokukhanya\* was also having an affair with the elderly man after finding them fondling each other, she talked about it and this is what made the wife suspicious that day," said the neighbour. According to a community leader, they had, as of last week, heard and identified 11 girls who have been victims of the man's sexual abuse. However, this matter has not been reported to the police.

## Indvuna censured from church

**THE Africa Evangelical Church (AEC) situated in the area has called on the elderly man to take a backseat from church activities.**

According to Pastor Zwane who leads the local branch, the church came to a decision to censure the elderly man after they received reports of the incident involving the elderly man and the young woman.

"We are not aware of the incidents you are talking about except for the one reported to us," said Zwane as he disassociated himself from reports of 11 children allegedly being victims.

He said they did not take censure lightly as it was a corrective measure to ensure that those who perform duties within the church have characters beyond reproach.

He said they were shocked by their findings as they talked to all three people.

This is presumably after the wife and young woman had an altercation recently. The pastor could not be drawn into what the allegations were that informed the censure as he said the church was not punitive but corrective in its operations.

He stated that thorough investigations were done, and their decision was in line with their principles.



**THEY TRIED:** Manzini Regional Administrator Chief Gcokoma.

## THEY TRIED TO REMOVE INDVUNA ILLEGALLY - GCOKOMA

**MANZINI Regional Administrator Chief Gcokoma says his office was not aware of issues happening in the area as they have not been procedurally reported.**

The RA was approached after residents stated that they have over the years complained about the indvuna.

"We are aware that the indvuna is wanted out of his position," Chief Gcokomasaid.

This, he said, has been voiced out by the people who failed to use exist-

ing structures. "The chief is there and is the only one who can remove the indvuna.

If the royal household overseeing the area feels he is incapable of making such decisions, they are the ones who should make the call.

Not random people."

The Chief said in as much as the church acted within the ambit of their constitution, there were ways of getting things done traditionally as well so as to ensure transparency.

## ALLEGATIONS STEM FROM JEALOUSY - INDVUNA

**THE indvuna accused of abusing young girls for years has alleged that he was being accused by people who want his position.**

The elderly man said he was not happy with the accusations made against him over the years as they stem from the same person, one against his position.

"I was once accused of calling people to weed the *umphakatsi*'s

fields during Incwala and the media had a field day whereas this was a lie," said the indvuna. He said the current accusations were in the same spirit. "You want to make me a celebrity, go ahead."

He accused his wife of being weak-willed as she listened to her friends, something that was spoiling their relationship. He confirmed the incident which saw his wife beating up the young woman

but denied that he had a relationship with Nokukhanya.

He said after the incident, he approached the man the young woman lives with and apologised.

He further stated that he was not censured from church as he was not aware of this.

"I was in church on Sunday and nothing happened. So I am not aware of what you are talking about as I will be attending ser-

vices tonight without any problem," he said yesterday morning.

Further, he said accusations that he gave children food items without them paying were wrong as he always told them to ask from his wife who also spends time managing the shop. He confirmed that his wife has over the years been complaining about lack of profits at the shop and he stated that this was not his doing.

## 'Indvuna targeted vulnerable children'

**MOST of the children who have been alleged victims of the indvuna's predatory ways are said to be vulnerable as they are mostly orphaned.**

This is according to a caregiver who said they would ask children who exhibited signs of abuse to talk about their issues.

She said they were shocked by their revelations as they talked about things that children should never bear witness to.

The young woman who has over the years been allegedly abused by the indvuna is said to be poor and would have all her basics bought by the man.

Another child, while revealing some of the details of alleged abuse by the indvuna, is said to have talked of detailed sexual actions whereas she is 11 years old.

"She talked about how the man would perform oral sex on her," said a community member.

Adding, he alleged that the shop which has a secluded area behind shelves has been used over the years with residents fearing that the indvuna would evict them from the area if they raise it through questions.



**ALTERNATIVE:** A breakdown services personnel had to use the window to get out of his car as he attended to an accident at Nkoyoyo over the weekend. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



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## MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE (MR)



BY SAMKELO MAHLALELA

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The Principal Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, Mr Victor Nxumalo on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, officiated at the launch of the 2018 World AIDS Campaign / World AIDS Day (WAC/WAD).

The launch attended by over 70 people from various sectors involved in the country's HIV and AIDS response was held at the Eswatini Water Services Corporation (EWSC), and hosted in partnership with the private sector, through the Swaziland Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS (SWABCHA).

"The annual World AIDS Campaign offer an opportunity for Eswatini to join the global community in reflecting and re-affirming our commitment to work together to overcome the HIV/AIDS epidemic, in line with His Majesty King Mswati III's vision of ending AIDS by 2022 – eight years earlier than the global target of 2030" stated Nxumalo in his keynote address.

The Principal Secretary (whom earlier, NERCHA director Khanyakwezwe Mabuza, had noted could not be referred to as 'Guest Speaker' owing to that the Prime Minister's office is the line ministry responsible for the HIV/AIDS response) further stated that the WAC/WAD 2018 theme, 'Know your status: let's end AIDS together,' will serve three main purposes.

He stated that the 2018 WAC/WAD campaign will serve to revitalise the benefits of knowing one's HIV status; impress on the importance of accessing the relevant services, in line with the HIV test outcome; and will mobilise everyone to overcome all FEAR to take an HIV test and know one's status, to sustain what the country has achieved in the HIV/AIDS response over the years, to contribute to and intensify efforts to end AIDS as a public health threat.

## WORLD AIDS DAY 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 30th anniversary on 1 December, of World AIDS Day which was first held as a one-day event, in 1988.

The 2018 theme seeks to mobilise everyone to test and know their HIV

# Country set to mobilise all to overcome fear of testing for HIV

status.

HIV testing is essential for expanding treatment and ensuring that all people living with HIV can lead healthy and productive lives.

It is also crucial in empowering people to make choices about HIV prevention, so they can protect themselves and their loved ones including achievement of the 95-95-95 targets by 2022.

Though significant progress has been made in HIV testing, since 84.7 per cent of people living with HIV know their status, there is the daunting task of getting the remaining 15.3 per cent to do same and further ensure they are also linked to the relevant quality care and prevention services - which has proved to be very difficult/complex. Unfortunately, many barriers to HIV testing remain.

Stigma and discrimination still deter people from taking an HIV test. Access to confidential HIV testing is still an issue of concern. Many people still only get tested after becoming ill and symptomatic.

On a positive note, it is worth mentioning that there are now many new ways of expanding access to HIV testing.

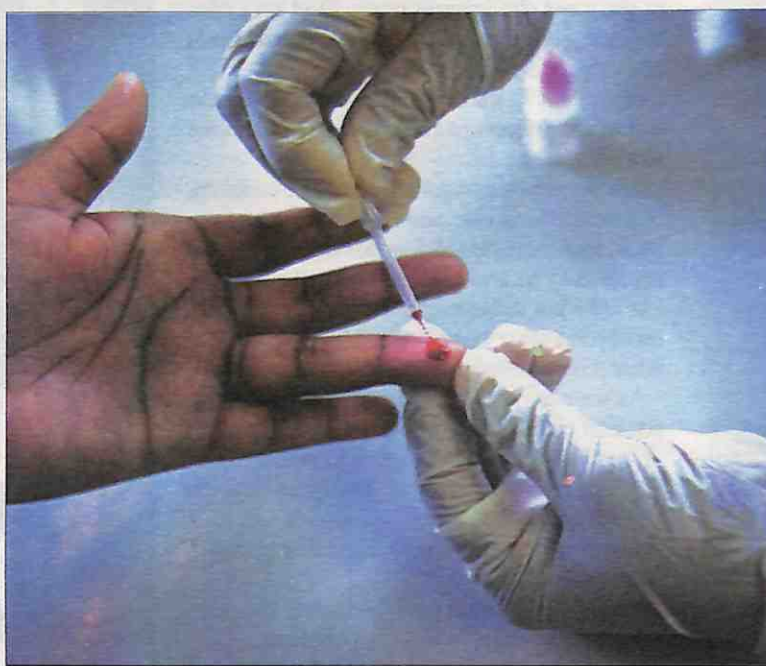
These include: Self-testing, Community-based testing, and Multi-disease testing, which enable people to test and know their HIV status.

Therefore, the 2018 WAC/WAD in addition to focussing on revitalising the benefits of knowing one's HIV status, and the importance of accessing the relevant services thereafter, it will also advocate for the expansion of services to reach the 'left behind' population groups, as well as call for the removal of all barriers to accessing HIV testing, including stigma and discrimination.

All these will hopefully mobilise the nation to 'End AIDS Together' as a public threat by 2022.

Speaking at the launch event, UNAIDS Country Director, Tim Rwabuhemba emphasised that knowledge of HIV status was still very low, citing that global statistics showed that 9.4 million people living with HIV worldwide do not know their HIV status - meaning HIV testing remained an important element of global advocacy.

He said HIV testing is important for the expansion of treatment services, as well as important for its prevention aspect as it empowers people to make choices on how they can protect themselves from infection, re-infection, and protect their loved



ones from infection.

He noted that the larger populace of the Kingdom of Eswatini is HIV negative, making it even more imperative for individuals to know their status, to prevent new HIV infections.

The UNAIDS Country Director said there is need to expand HIV testing programmes, for which the country needs demonstrated political will, smart investment, as well as novel and innovative approaches to HIV testing that are fully leveraged and taken to scale.

## 2018 WAC/WAD ACTIVITIES

As the World AIDS Campaign has become a social movement (one in which individuals, groups of people, communities, organisations, the public and private sectors participate; and the leadership at all levels, have taken ownership and actively participate in the campaign) the 2018 WAC/WAD will present an opportunity for the different stakeholders to engage with the theme. Some of the key activities will include:

**Partnerships** - Creating partnerships to reach targeted populations e.g., men during soccer matches, young people, prisoners, and injectable drug users (hidden population) etc.;

**Exhibitions (candle lighting and information stalls)** - For education and information sharing on HIV testing; the benefits of knowing HIV status vs the disadvantages of not knowing; follow up services available; and promotion of regular testing.

This can be a standalone activity or

can be held together with other activities, i.e. Exhibitions at the workplace, during soccer games;

**Marches** - To advocate for specific issues - like the provision of self-test kits to prisoners;

**Dialogues** - Interactive sessions with the target population (at community level, workplace etc.). The Enjobeni Majaha programme designed and delivered by the SiphilaNje Drama Society will be taken to 4 communities around Big Bend, in the weeks preceding the national commemoration. Also, Super Buddies and Save the Children have on-going dialogues with parents from the Nkilongo Inkundla on adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH).

**Mass Media campaign** - To promote HIV testing (e.g. use of jingles on radio)

**Widespread provision of HIV testing and other related services** - To be provided as standalone or in conjunction with other services (the workplace).

**Speeches and presentations** - Information dissemination and advocacy in informal settings.

The regional activities kick-off on Saturday 17 November, with the Hhohho Region Commemoration to be held at Madlangempisi Inkundla, held in partnership with HC4.

This will be followed by the Manzini Regional Commemoration to be held at the Mavuso Trade Centre on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, in partnership with The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) Eswatini.

The Shiselweni region will have their commemoration at Maseyisini Inkundla, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November,

and will target out-of-school youth.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Eswatini, His Excellency Mr. Ambrose Mandulo Dlamini will officiate at the National World AIDS Day Commemoration to be held on Saturday, 1 December at Mayaluka Stadium in the Lubombo Region.

Of note, the national event will be held in partnership with the private sector, in conjunction with SWABCHA. Business that is already on board, includes the Ubombo Sugar (who boldly stated that people are their biggest resource) and the Eswatini Water and Agriculture Development Enterprise (EWADE) - Lower Usuthu Irrigation Project 2 (LUSIP II).

The Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation, Crookes Plantation, MTN Eswatini, and many others have indicated an intention not only to have activities for their staff, but a willingness to support other activities that are a part of the year-long recently launched campaign.

## MEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THE TARGET

Studies have shown that one of the key factors for not taking an HIV test, is fear. Many people fear the outcome of the result.

This is a personal, deep seated dread that one needs to overcome to undertake an HIV test. Fear such as: What will happen if I test HIV positive? How will I live with HIV? Do I need to disclose my status and to whom? How do I disclose my HIV-positive status?

The resolve for the 2018 WAC/WAD is to promote collective participation and contribution to the call to end AIDS by 2022.

The aim is to increase the number of men, boys and young people (identified as part of the hard to reach) who know their HIV status and understand the benefits of knowing their HIV status.

Speaking at the 2018 WAC/WAD launch, NERCHA Director, Khanyakwezwe Mabuza mentioned that though the country's HIV response had come far, the almost 7 000 annual new infections are still high.

The country has therefore set ambitious targets of reducing new infections by 85 per cent (almost 6 000); halve HIV deaths; and have 95 per cent of those living with HIV knowing their status by 2022.

Let no one be left behind. Act now. Know your HIV status.



## ON THIS DAY

...NOVEMBER 8

**1793** - The Louvre Museum, in Paris, opened to the public for the first time.

**1805** - The 'Corps of Discovery' reached the Pacific Ocean. The expedition was led by William Clark and Meriwether Lewis. The journey had begun on May 14, 1804, with the goal of exploring the Louisiana Purchase territory.

**1880** - French actress Sarah Bernhardt made her American stage debut in 'Adrienne Lecouvreur' in New York City.

**1889** - Montana became the 41st US state.

**1895** - Wilhelm Roentgen while experimenting with electricity discovered the scientific principle involved and took the first X-ray pictures.

**1910** - William H. Frost patented the insect exterminator.

**1923** - Adolf Hitler made his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the 'Beer-Hall Putsch'.

**1933** - The Civil Works Administration was created by executive order by US President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The organisation was designed to create jobs for more than four million unemployed people in the US.

**1939** - 'Life With Father' premiered on Broadway in New York City.

**1942** - The US invaded Morocco and Algeria.

**1942** - During World War II, Operation Torch began as US and British forces landed in French North Africa.

**1950** - During the Korean conflict, the first jet-plane battle took place as US Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.

**1954** - The American League approved the transfer of the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team to Kansas City, MO.

**1956** - After turning down 18 000 names, the Ford Motor Company decided to name their new car the 'Edsel,' after Henry Ford's only son.

**1959** - Elgin Baylor (Minneapolis Lakers) scored 64 points and set a National Basketball Association scoring record.

**1965** - The soap opera 'Days of Our Lives' debuted on NBC-TV.

**1966** - Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts became the first African-American elected to the US Senate by popular vote.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Gordon Ramsay**  
(chef) - November 8, 1966, (52 years)



**SZA (pop singer)** - November 8, 1990 (28 years old)

## THE NATIONS PRAY

A NATIONAL CALL TO PRAY



AS many are praying about the myriad of troubling issues facing our nation and the rest of the world, we need to remember the bigger picture and purpose from heaven's perspective.

What God is up to is not what we think. Even in the most challenging times, God isn't after changing our circumstances as much as He is after changing us.

His goal is to transform us from inside out to reflect the fulness of His glory to a crumbling world system.

His priority is to work on our heart condition before anything else, and He will use every setback, enemy attack and disappointment to cleanse us, sanctify us and make us more like His Son.

If we want to be effective in our prayers, we must remember our place in His kingdom and what it requires of us in the midst of the battles.

As we pray about the divisive political spirit, societal chaos, contemporary heresies, spiritual apathy and depression, the troubling immigration issues, the growing hostilities between people groups and unsettling state of nations, I recommend we pray with these five priorities in mind.

**Focus our prayers on declaring His purpose rather than fixing the problems.**

It's easy to get fixated on the issues at hand and forget His ultimate purpose of transformation.

Until we can displace the godlessness and rebellion with true righteousness through Christ, cycles of sin will continue.

This requires a change of values and beliefs as we align our hearts and prayers with His eternal word. Pray beyond the problem and declare His promise! Pray God's heart and will over the situations at hand, and don't get distracted by the seeming discrepancies.

**Focus our prayers on God's increasing kingdom instead of the world's crumbling system.**

Apart from Christ, this world will continue to fall apart. We shouldn't be surprised at the failure of man's attempt to secure peace and freedom.

God will continue to shake everything that can be shaken in order for the reality of His kingdom to be clearly demonstrated through His people (Heb 12:27 & 28). Instead of praying 'Against' things, pray for the purpose of God to prevail. Spend time in worship and praise so that the king of glory may come in - Psm 24:9.

**Address the sin issues (dying carcasses on the land) instead of fighting the devil.**

The only reason our spiritual adversary has any foothold, both personally and corporately, is because of sin and unbelief.

# PRAY THESE 5 THINGS TO BREAK UNGODLY SPIRITS ATTACKING NATIONS

## Spiritual Warfare Prayer to Break Ungodly Soul Ties

These attract the enemy just as rotting flesh on the ground attracts buzzards.

Rebuking the enemy (shooting the buzzards) won't do any good if we don't deal with the sin (removing the flesh). Living a holy life and righteous life is one of the best means to attracting heaven and repelling hell (2 Cor 2:15, Eph 5:2).

Pray for an obedient heart that quickly responds to His word. Pray that we would not only 'turn from our wicked ways' but demonstrate holy lives that attract heaven.

**Shift from a warfare mentality to a presence reality**

Spiritual warfare may be necessary for a season but it was never intended to be a life-style. We were created to live 'From' and 'In' God's presence - (Acts 17:28, Isa 63:9, Psm 27:4-6). We need to remember the supernatural power of God's tangible presence - **Ish 63:9**.

Throughout biblical history, the greatest victories came because of God's presence, not because of man's skills at warfare. (The battle of Jericho in Josh 6, Jehoshaphat's army in 2 Chron 20; The cloud of His presence at the Red Sea, Exo 14).

There is no glory in battle. Our glory should be in the one who has already defeated the devil. Spend time in celebrating the victory of our king and avoid fighting an enemy who has already lost it.

**Know that our spiritual authority in prayer**

comes from who we are than from what we pray.

It is not the specific words of our prayers that change things, but the condition of our hearts and the obedience of our walk.

A transformed life is one that loves to do what we ought to do because we live, speak, and pray from a relationship that has radically changed us from inside out.

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it shall be done for you" - **John 15:7**.

In our desire to see things change in our life and nation, let us remember that we are the ones who must change first.

The same power that raised Christ from the dead lives inside us and has the power to bring new life to every nation and every tribe. As we are transformed, everything around us will begin to reflect the power of His kingdom. Let our prayers reflect this goal.

Join us for 'The Nations Pray' monthly Revival prayer this month we will be with **Zoe Christian Family Centre in Matsapha this Saturday 24th November 2018 past the Eteteni Engen starting from 2:15pm to 3:30pm**. Please also visit our Facebook page The Pentecost Ministries International Trust and your feedback is also welcome to the [revolutionarymandate@gmail.com](mailto:revolutionarymandate@gmail.com).

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## Corruption in politics

**ELECTORAL fraud, election manipulation, or vote rigging is defined as the illegal interference with the process of an election, either by increasing the vote share of the favoured candidate, depressing the vote share of the rival candidates, or both.**

What constitutes electoral fraud varies from country to country. In a narrow election, a small amount of fraud may be enough to change the result.

Even if the outcome is not affected, the revelation of fraud can have a damaging effect, if not punished, as it can reduce voters' confidence in democracy.

While many voters may be aware of corruption during elections, they usually choose to turn a blind eye towards it and still vote for that person they know has used unconventional means to get into office.

The reaction of voters to corruption in public office is complex and there are several reasons why voters could choose to re-elect a corrupt politician; voters may not be well informed about the incumbent's behaviour and may not hold her responsible, voters may be willing to endure a corrupt public official in exchange for short periods of food

parcels and benefits that come with the individual's campaign strategies, voters may see corruption as a personal flaw, when corruption is used to benefit certain ethnic or social groups, voters from these groups might reward corrupt politicians and help him avoid a general loss of votes.

According to a 2017 survey study, the following factors have been attributed as causes of corruption: Greed of money, power, luxury or any other materialistic desires. Higher levels of market and political monopolisation.

Low levels of democracy, weak civil participation and low political transparency. In spite of the existence of an Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in the Kingdom of Eswatini, corruption persists as a major problem in the country which brings with it significant negative consequences on the economy and society.

Among its major consequences, it hinders service delivery, leads to increased and more serious crimes and vandalism, results in moral degeneration, affects the collection of gov-

ernment revenue, results in a few individuals enjoying economic benefits, hinders the effectiveness of the administration of justice, results in the poor getting poorer and the rich getting richer, and damages the country's reputation and investment potential.

**“Time and again, community members have voted the corrupt back into parliament, and at the end of the day, it is the community members that suffer the most**

But how does corruption in elections really affect the kingdom?

Well, when the nation decides to vote for a corrupt parliamentarian, the truth, nothing good can come out of it.

Time and again, community members have voted the corrupt back into parliament, and at the end of the day, it is the community members that suffer the most.

Because of corruption, communities remain behind when it comes to development. Because of greed, and because the motivation is to increase one's size of the wallet, it is for that reason that the Kingdom of Eswatini is still a developing country even after fifty years of independence.

On 20 September 2017, the Swazi Observer reported the inspection of the voters' roll had been extended

because of doubts that they were accurate.

It was claimed some people had been wrongly registered as voters in some towns and cities. In October there were complaints that in most cases photographs of voters did not appear on rolls alongside names as expected.

These complaints and reports continued even on the day of the elections this year, national newspapers reported.

Some voters even reportedly boycotted elections because they found themselves voting with people who were not from the community because firm workers had been poached for votes.

The truth is voter education is always poor and late, and candidates and voters alike do not understand what they are expected to do and hence corruption is rife.

And to demonstrate this, some of the councillors do not live in the areas they are supposed to represent.

The question is – now that we are aware of rampant corruption resulting from lack of policing municipality management systems as a nation, what are we going to do? What are our leaders going to do about it to ensure clean elections next term?

## South Africa investigates sterilising mosquitoes in anti-malaria drive

**SOUTH Africa is one of four southern African countries aiming to eliminate malaria transmission by 2023.**

Indoor residual spraying using DDT and pyrethroid insecticides constitutes the backbone of South Africa's malaria control programmes.

Effective vector control by indoor residual spraying has been key in the reduction of malaria cases.

This was instrumental in creating malaria-free zones in most parts of the country.

Malaria transmission is now limited to the north-eastern parts of Limpopo province, the low-veld areas of Mpumalanga province and the far northern parts of KwaZulu-Natal province.

Despite a concerted effort to eliminate malaria in these provinces, transmission has remained steady over the past decade.

Failure to eliminate malaria transmission is attributed, in part, to resistance to the insecticides being used. Added to this is the challenge of controlling the outdoor-biting *Anopheles arabiensis* population that's largely considered responsible for most malaria transmission in the country.

Indoor spraying isn't completely effective against this mosquito because it mainly targets indoor biting and resting mosquitoes.

This strategy is not adequate against vectors that sometimes feed and rest

outdoors, such as *An. arabiensis*.

Other, complementary vector control strategies are needed to eliminate the disease. These must be able to control outdoor feeding and resting mosquito populations.

One possible approach is a technique that involves sterilising the insects. The technology is currently being assessed in South Africa.

The technique involves a genetic birth control method in which laboratory mass-produced sterile male insects are released into the wild at a ratio that effectively inundates a target population.

This forces most females to mate with sterile males, substantially reducing their fecundity, and resulting in population suppression.

The sterile insect technique has been piloted against mosquito vectors of the Zika, yellow fever, chikungunya and dengue viruses, but has never been used for malaria control efforts.

The South African sterile insect technique initiative together with a similar trial in Sudan are a first for African malaria vectors.

Preparations for the South African project are at an advanced stage. A pilot mass-rearing facility has been built and the size of the natural mosquito population has been estimated.

In addition, a local community has been drawn into preparations and is now ready for a trial run.

All these steps pave the way for a pilot demonstration.

### THE PROJECT

The sterile insect technique has been applied successfully against other insect pests including the fruit fly and the new-world screwworm fly.

In South Africa this technology is routinely used in Citrusdal, Western Cape to control the false codling moth.

The project involving *An. arabiensis* aims to show that the sterile insect technique can be successfully used to suppress mosquito populations that carry and spread malaria. If it works, the approach can be used as an alternative vector control method to complement existing strategies.

The project is being implemented in three phases.

Phase One included trials showed that sterilised, *An. arabiensis* males mass-reared under laboratory conditions can compete with fertile males for mates.

This milestone informed phase II of the project which is currently underway.

This phase aims to test the feasibility of the sterile insect technique through a small-scale pilot field demonstration in northern KwaZulu-Natal. Research activities for phase II are in progress.

The biggest development here is the building of Africa's first pilot

mosquito mass-rearing facility.

The sterile insect technique relies heavily on inundating the wild population with sterilised male insects. For this to succeed, it's important to know the size of the wild mosquito population as this will determine how many laboratory-reared sterilised males would need to be released.

### NEXT STEPS

The eventual rollout of the pilot trial will require successful mass rearing of competitive sterile males and a technique to separate males from female insects.

Work on optimising mass production of quality sterile male and a system to separate males from females are at an advanced stage.

In addition, it's critical to get the community involved and addressing any social issues so that people cooperate and participate.

This is particularly important because the sterile insect technique can be seen as increasing the numbers of mosquitoes in an area after the release of the sterile males.

A malaria awareness campaign has already been conducted. Information on malaria transmission and control – including the potential of using the sterile insect technique – was shared through radio interviews, brochures, road shows and lectures in isiZulu.

*The Conversation*



"There is only one sin, and that is theft... when you tell a lie, you steal someone's right to the truth."

— *Khaled Hosseini, The Kite Runner*

"No matter how careful you are, there's going to be the sense you missed something, the collapsed feeling under your skin that you didn't experience it all. There's that fallen heart feeling that you rushed right through the moments where you should've been paying attention.

Well, get used to that feeling. That's how your whole life will feel some day. This is all practice."

— *Chuck Palahniuk, Invisible Monsters*

"Do not fall in love with people like me. I will take you to museums, and parks, and monuments, and kiss you in every beautiful place, so that you can never go back to them without tasting me like blood in your mouth.

I will destroy you in the most beautiful way possible. And when I leave you will finally understand, why storms are named after people."

— *Caitlyn Siehl, Literary Sexes: A Collection of Short & Sexy Love Poems*

"Appear weak when you are strong, and strong when you are weak."

— *Sun Tzu, The Art of War*

"To choose doubt as a philosophy of life is akin to choosing immobility as a means of transportation."

— *Yann Martel, Life of Pi*

"If the real world were a book, it would never find a publisher. Overlong, detailed to the point of distraction and ultimately, without a major resolution."

— *Jasper Fforde, Something Rotten*

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

— *Albert Schweitzer*

"Time was passing like a hand waving from a train I wanted to be on.

I hope you never have to think about anything as much as I think about you."

— *Jonathan Safran Foer*

"please believe that things are good with me, and even when they're not, they will be soon enough. And I will always believe the same about you."

— *Stephen Chbosky, The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

"How nice - to feel nothing, and still get full credit for being alive."

— *Kurt Vonnegut, Slaughterhouse-Five*

"There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be..."

— *John Lennon*



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<b>First National Bank</b>	
Inflation Rate	4.9%
<b>Central Statistical Office</b>	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
<b>Swaziland Building Society</b>	
Bank Rate	7.0%
<b>Central Bank</b>	
Petrol (u)	E13.30 per litre
Replacement	E13.35 per litre
Diesel	E13.30 per litre
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## Inaugural AfDB African Investment Forum:

# 'INVESTMENT NOT AID WILL TRANSFORM AFRICA'

...Continent's top DFI presidents bet Africa has what it takes to become economic powerhouse

Stories by Hlengiwe Ndlovu  
Johannesburg, RSA  
(Courtesy of the African Development Bank)

**PRESIDENTS of the continent's top development finance corporations yesterday unanimously agreed that only investment can transform Africa, not aid.**

Such profound sentiments were expressed during the official opening of the first-ever African Investment Forum (AIF) held at the Sandton Convention Centre in South Africa. The AIF is championed by the African Development Bank (AfDB), and is living up to the expectation of being Africa's premier market-place as hundreds of investors from within the continent and outside jurisdictions yesterday converged to strictly pen deals across different sectors including energy, agriculture, heavy industry, ICTs, telecommunications and other sectors.

Speaking during the AIF's curtain-raising panel discussions, DFI bosses who affirmed against the aid mentality were Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, who is President of the African Development Bank

(AfDB), Patrick Dlamini, CEO of the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), Professor Benedict Oramah, President of the Africa Import-Export Bank, Dr. Bandar Hajjar, President of the Islamic Development Bank, Alain Ebosise, CEO of Africa 50, Mallam Zubairu, CEO of the Africa Finance Corporation and Ambroise Fayolle, Vice President of the European Investment Bank.

These panellists were joined by Gauteng Premier David Makhura. In his opening remarks, the AfDB president pronounced Africa's great potential to turn its economic fortunes.

"Our continent can be number one. "When I was growing up, my father used to ask how the exams were at school and also inquired on the grades we received. When I received position seven or 10, he would ask: 'The person who got number one, didn't he have two hands,'" Adesina said, adding that the continent should bank in its self-belief and domestic resources to turn its economic tide. The AIF's main focus is on facilitating transactions between project funders, investors. It also seeks to turn ideas into bankable projects while also de-risking projects and fast-tracking deals that were in the pipeline. The AfDB

president noted that in the past, investors were left off with the feeling that investing in Africa was like landing in a bumpy strip. "We want to ensure a smooth landing strip for all investors," he said. Speaking in the same opening session, president of the Africa Import/Export Bank called for the continent's rebranding.

### Disasters

"In the past, Africa was well-known as the place where all kinds of disasters struck, a place of wars and crises. But today, we are telling the world that our continent is an investment destination," he said. President of the Trade and Development Bank, in another matter, spoke of how the AIF had managed to attract a strong group of development financial institutions to come together to discuss ways in which to co-operate.

He also observed that while the continent already has, to some extent, decent levels of investment, these are just not enough to bring the required transformation. "Even if we are doing a lot, but this still is not enough to transform. We obviously need to change our business models, and this especially goes for the DFIs," he said.

## Africa least recipient of private sector investment

**THE African continent is currently the least recipient of private sector investment which stands at \$5 billion.**

Latin America receives \$45 billion of similar such investments yearly.

These figures were divulged yesterday by the CEO of Africa 50 Alain Ebosise at the official opening of the Africa Investment Forum at Sandton Convention Centre.

### Investment

The AIF is championed by the African Development Bank (AfDB).

"We need to bridge the investment gap in Africa and no one government or financial institution has the amount of money needed to transform the continent. However, if we work together, we may not reach Latin America's \$45 billion in one year but we can certainly make significant strides," he said.

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# ESCCOM GRANTS MTN 10-YR LICENCE RENEWAL TILL 2028

By Majaha Nkonyane

AFTER several months of evaluation, Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM) has finally approved the renewal of telecommunications giant, MTN Eswatini's operating licence, for an additional 10 years effective November 16, 2018.

This comes at a time when MTN is celebrating 20 years of existence in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The company was initially licensed in November 18, 1998 to provide mobile telephony networks and services in the Kingdom of Eswatini. In November 2016, ESCCOM converted MTN licences to align with new legal and regulatory regime. Therefore, the commission issued an Electronic Communication Service License (ECS License) and an Electronic Communications Network License (ECN License) to MTN.

Jointly, these licenses allowed MTN to own and operate electronic communications networks and services in the Kingdom of Eswatini on a converged and technology neutral basis. Both licenses were set to expire on November 17 this year.

The renewal of MTN's licences has been officially announced by ESCCOM Chief Executive Mvilawemphi Dlamini through General Notice No.12 of 2018, in accordance with Electronic Communications Act No.9 of 2013.

MTN applied for the renewal of both licences on August 4, 2017. After the company's application for the renewal of its ECS and ECN licences, the regulator embarked on the licence renewal process which included an evaluation of MTN's compliance with the prevailing legislation, licence conditions, regulations, decisions, guidelines, determinations and authorisations issued by the commission to assess; whether the licences should be renewed, if so, on what terms they should be renewed, and whether any sanctions should be issued in the event of non-compliance.

ESCCOM noted that MTN duly submitted all the required information to help the commission come up with a proper decision.

"The evaluation process undertaken by the commission found that Swazi MTN has complied broadly with the obligations as set out in the previous and current licences, legislative and regulatory instruments," said the regulator.

In its findings, the regulator said all services provided by MTN were provided in a manner that was compliant with the scope of the licence, all legislative instruments, regulations, decisions, guidelines, determinations and authorisations issued by the commission. The findings also show that all tariffs and charges for electronic communications services offered by MTN were approved by the

...applauds MTN for complying 'broadly' with scope of the previous licence.

commission, customers were accurately billed for services consumed, MTN has complied with the payment of all requisite fees and contributions into the Universal Service Fund, has ensured skills development, and that all electronic communications equipment used by MTN was certified for use in the country.

## Noted

The commission also noted that MTN duly submitted quarterly and annual reports, as well as information required by the commission from time to time, in a format specified by the commission, including financial performance, network quality of service, and numbering, amongst others.

"In light of the above analysis and findings, the commission decided that; Swazi MTN's individual

licence be and is hereby renewed for a period of 10 years (17 November 2018 to 16 November 2028) in accordance with the Licensing Regulations," said the chief executive.

The terms and conditions of the licence will be in accordance with the prevailing licensing framework, as may be amended from time to time. However, the regulator said additional new terms and conditions shall be included in the new licences to address any non-compliance issues identified during the evaluation process.

The new licences will be issued by to MTN upon payment of the licence fees levied in terms of section 14 of the Electronic Communication (Licensing Regulations, 2016, for the evaluation and renewal of the licence.



MAHLALEKHUKHWINI HOUSE: MTN Headquarters building at Ezulwini.

Over the past 20 years, MTN has been one of the top contributing companies to the fiscus, on top of creating direct and indirect employment opportunities, giving back to the society, and revolutionising the telecommunications sector.

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#### ● THE ECN LICENCE:

It allows Eswatini MTN to establish, operate and maintain an electronic communications network; interconnect its network with and lease facilities from any duly licenced Electronic Communications Network licensee within the Kingdom of Eswatini, and to provide Electronic Communications Network services and lease facilities to any duly licensed operator providing Electronic Communications Services and Broadcasting Services within the Kingdom of Eswatini.



# OVER E8.4 TRILLION NEEDED TO FINANCE AFRICA'S SDGs YEARLY

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu  
In Sandton, Courtesy of the African Development Bank

IN its latest publication, ESEPARC identifies the importance of reliable, accurate and impartial research and an evidence based approach to policy-making and implementation as being crucial towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

ESEPARC is the Eswatini Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre. The African Development Bank (AfDB) estimates the continent could require an estimated E8.4 trillion to finance SDGs each year.

The continent's infrastructure alone needs require an estimated \$600 billion yearly, with an existing financing gap of \$68 billion.

It is against the backdrop of the continent's dire need for home-brewed investment that the African Development Bank (AfDB) has championed the first-ever African Investment Forum (AIF) which will bring together high-powered project sponsors, borrowers, lenders and investors from all over to transact deals. The AIF kick-starts in Sandton, South Africa today. The stakes are high that deals, amounting to over E560 billion could be clinched in the maiden AIF conference, whose sessions will

...E560 billion deals could be clinched in AfDB inaugural African Investment Forum



be exclusively focused on facilitating investment opportunities through a series of boardroom discussions, bilateral meetings and workshops. In the same breathe, the AfDB acknowledges that no single African government, institutional investor or multilateral development possesses the quantum of resources urgently required by the continent to finance its SDGs. Not even the AfDB, with its substantial contribution towards the continent's development needs comes close at closing this gap.

It is against this backdrop, coupled with other existing challenges and opportunities in Africa's investment space that the AfDB championed the AIF, a multistakeholder, multi-disciplinary platform dedicated to advancing projects to bankable stages, raising capital and

accelerating the financial closure of deals. AfDB describes the AIF as Africa's premier investment market place, through which the AfDB, along with its partners will structure deals, screen and enhance projects, attract co-investors and facilitate transactions to close the continent's investment gaps.

It is expected that this market-place will reduce intermediation costs, improve the quality of project information and documentation, an increase active and productive engagements between African engagements and the private sector. The AIF comes at a time when African businesses are notably erupting in number and sophistication. This, according to the AfDB, presents excellent investment opportunities with relatively high returns.

## Women pioneers promote woman economic participation

By Majaha Nkonyane  
Mbabane

IN creating a more balanced work-space, women pioneer is hosting women leaders today at Sibane hotel on the importance of having women participating in economic activities.

Speaking in an interview founder of Women pioneer Kholwaphi Dlamini Mdziniso said the half day conference is scheduled for 14:00, where prominent women leaders in the country will be sharing their secret in leadership success. The Women Pioneers platform according to Dlamini Mdziniso is aimed at recognising women that have defied the odds to occupy seats in places that were solely occupied by men. The platform is also a vehicle for motivating a girl to dream without limitations, to dream of anything she could aspire to be without reservations knowing that there are women who broke the odds to be first in places predominantly occupied by men.

"The Women Pioneer is a platform that is aimed at motivating girls and women to know that there have been women that have broken the odds to be trail blazers in places predominantly occupied by men. The goal for the platform is to create a culture of continued recognition of women, so that women continue to amass courage to feature and break forth in all economic areas," she said.

Dlamini Mdziniso said the project is aimed at recognising indi-

viduals as well as organisations that support women mainstreaming in meaningful positions and in key decision making positions. Recognising such organisations according to Mdziniso will motivate institutions to consider gender mainstreaming in areas that are still predominantly occupied by men, especially the key decision making positions. In addition Dlamini Mdziniso said women continue to face discrimination in access to work, economic assets and participation in private and public decision-making. Women are also more likely to live in poverty than men.

Dlamini Mdziniso also said in Latin America and the Caribbean, the ratio of women to men in poor households increased from 108 women for every 100 men in 1997 to 117 women for every 100 men in 2012, despite declining poverty rates for the whole region.

"Women remain at a disadvantage in the labour market. Globally, about three quarters of working-age men participate in the labour force, compared to only half of working-age women. Women earn 24 per cent less than men globally. In 85 per cent of the 92 countries with data on unemployment rates by level of education for the years 2012-2013, women with advanced education have higher rates of unemployment than men with similar levels of education. Despite continuous progress, today the world still has far to go towards equal gender representation in private and public decision-making," she said.

## Telkom users to access Vodacom's 4G network

JOHANNESBURG - Telkom customers will soon be roaming on Vodacom's network, not on multinational mobile telecommunications group MTN's after Telkom entered a deal with Vodacom worth billions of rand.

The migration will begin in December, with full switchover planned by mid-2019. Telkom users will now have access to Vodacom's 4G network, as previously, with MTN, the deal was restricted to slower 2G and 3G speeds.

The agreement will also see Telkom having access to build infrastructure on Vodacom towers.

Telkom spokesperson Noma Faku told TechCentral that the agreement with Vodacom included seamless handover, meaning a call will not drop if it is passed by a Telkom tower to a Vodacom tower.

Faku said, "There will be no geographic restrictions as there are in the deal between Cell C and MTN. This means that even if a Telkom subscriber is in Johannesburg, and has Telkom signal, they can still choose to roam onto Vodacom's network if they prefer."

Vodacom Group CEO, Shameel Joosub, said: "We are extremely pleased that Telkom has selected Vodacom as its strategic partner and we look forward to delivering on this long-term and mutually beneficial agreement. By switching its roaming agreement to Vodacom, Telkom will have access to South Africa's best network with the



country's widest population coverage, a testament to our accelerated rural coverage programme and our commitment to ensuring the sustainability of South Africa's highly competitive telecommunications industry.

"Apart from the commercial benefit, this partnership between the country's fastest growing networks will also result in reduced network deployment costs for Telkom and cost savings for Vodacom, ultimately contributing to the reduction of data prices in South Africa."

CEO of Telkom, Sipho Maseko said: "Seamless handover and 4G mobile technology are new additions to Telkom's roaming agreement which will improve the customer experience on the Telkom network. The infrastructure sharing agreement will allow Telkom more efficient capital and operational expenditure." "It complements Telkom's network rollout programme as Telkom

remains committed to expanding its network. The agreement enables quicker site acquisition in the medium term. I am pleased we have concluded an agreement that enables us to improve our network efficiently." Earlier this year, Cell C announced that it had entered into a multibillion rand roaming agreement with MTN. According to Cell C Chief Executive, Jose Dos Santos, said that although Cell C would carry majority of its data traffic on its own network, the long-term multibillion-rand agreement was significant.

"While Cell C still carries the vast majority of data traffic on its own network, as it has its own infrastructure in the metros, this deal is significant as it will provide 4G coverage to customers in outlying areas where we have chosen to buy rather than build coverage", said Dos Santos.

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## Cell C appoints a new chief financial officer

DURBAN - Cell C has announced the appointment of Zafar 'Zaf' Mahomed as the company's new Chief Financial Officer.

Cell C Chief Executive, Jose Dos Santos said, "We are pleased to welcome Zaf Mahomed to Cell C. He brings extensive financial, management and business experience to the role and we look forward to adding his expertise to Cell C's leadership team".

The new CFO has more than 20 years of finance and business experience having worked in several multinational and listed organisations from a cross section of



NEW JOB: New Cell C CEO Zafar 'Zaf' Mahomed.

industries including; manufacturing, retail, financial services amongst others.

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## MC Mining secures R20m loan

JOHANNESBURG - MC Mining said yesterday it secured a R20 million, approximately US\$1.4 million, loan facility from Absa to fund short-term working capital requirements and potential expansion opportunities for its 70 per cent owned Uitkomst Colliery in KwaZulu-Natal.

In August Uitkomst Colliery also procured a five-year R15 million revolving asset finance facility from ABSA to finance the acquisition

of new underground mining equipment following the transition to owner-operated mining at the colliery.

Earlier in August, MC Mining bought independent mining contractor Khethile Mining operations for R65 million at Uitkomst metallurgical and thermal coal colliery.

It also acquired approximately 340 contractor workers and mining equipment in the deal.

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# RAND FIRMS BY 1.07% WHILE DOLLAR DROPS AS US GRIDLOCK LOOMS

JOHANNESBURG - Bloomberg reports that US equity futures jumped, the dollar dropped and Treasuries climbed as investors digested potential political gridlock in the wake of the American midterm elections.

The rand firmed by 1.07 per cent yesterday afternoon, changing hands at R13.95 to the greenback at 14:26.

Meanwhile, Bloomberg reports that US equity futures jumped, the dollar dropped and Treasuries climbed as investors digested potential political gridlock in the wake of the American mid-term elections.

European stocks rallied and Asian shares were mixed. With Democrats winning the House of Representatives majority and Republicans clinching control of the Senate, President Donald Trump's party loses full control of Congress.

The results dim chances for any major fiscal initiative from the administration that might have pushed yields higher and strengthened the greenback.



The outcome largely matched polling going into the vote, and it's likely investors will now refocus their attention. The biggest macro theme remains the trade war after recent warnings from major names including the IMF's Christine Lagarde and Former US Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson. Meanwhile, the Italian government is held a confidence vote yesterday, the

Federal Reserve is set to decide interest rates today, and Theresa May is pushing on with efforts to agree a Brexit deal. Elsewhere, shares of Spanish banks surged after they escaped paying billions of euros in back taxes. The euro rallied as data showed German industrial output picked up steam in September.

News24

## UK house prices rise at slowest pace in 5 years

LONDON - UK house prices are increasing at the slowest annual pace in five years, according to mortgage lender Halifax.

Prices gained 1.5 per cent in the three months through October, the lowest rate since March 2013, Halifax said yesterday. On the month,

prices gained 0.7 per cent, just below the 0.8 per cent expected by economists.

The report follows similar data from Nationwide last week that showed annual house-price growth dropped below two per cent for the first time in five years.

The market is struggling, particularly in London, after decades of booming values left affordability stretched, and as Brexit adds uncertainty about the economic outlook.

The average UK home price is now £227 869, Halifax said

Fin24

## ONSLAUGHT OF CYBER-ATTACKS ON SA BUSINESSES - EXPERT

JOHANNESBURG - South African businesses of all sizes, including educational institutions, have been particularly hard hit by an onslaught of cyber-attacks, although this is not always public knowledge, according to Kerry Curtin, cyber risk expert at Aon South Africa.

Cyber risk was ranked as the number one risk facing educational institutions and is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future, according to Aon's 2018 global risk management survey.

Curtin says the potential theft or leakage of data, particularly confidential information in an educational setting, should be top of the list in risk planning.

"The need to strengthen institutional resiliency against potential damage, compromising hacks and downtime is crucial," she adds.

This is because schools, like any other business, are increasingly dependent on technology. The knock-on effect of a cyber incident at an educational facility has the potential to be financially and reputationally

catastrophic.

For example, in 2016 it was reported that the University of Limpopo's website was taken down, leaking exam papers and the details of over 18 000 students, in addition to perpetrators publicly posting what was believed to be the login details for the University's intranet.

The sheer number of cyber-attacks on educational institutions suggests that the sector is not as prepared as it should be in its efforts to safeguard networks, according to Curtin.

Aon provides the following tips for the education sector:

### Safeguard institution-owned devices

All computers, laptops and smart devices owned by the educational institution should at the very least have a current anti-virus programme installed, in addition to adware and malware protection.

One of the biggest threats to any business is the people operating these devices and their naivety regarding cyber risks, so education is key.

### BYOD Policy

The practice of students and staff members bringing devices to school or university that interact with the

institution's network is very likely. The first line of defence is keeping guest devices separate from the network, allowing the institution to keep data secure on an administrative network, as well as monitor traffic more closely.

When it comes to sending sensitive information, it is crucial to implement a secure file exchange solution that can protect against cyber threats such as phishing scams.

### Multi-Factor Authentication

While passwords alone do not provide adequate levels of security as hackers are able to circumvent physical biometrics such as fingerprint identification as a single layer of authentication, Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) is fast becoming the next line of defence.

### Social Media Policy

Not only does the policy need to stipulate what is deemed as acceptable behaviour from employees and students, but it also needs to explain what the benefits are of becoming an ambassador for the brand and the legal ramifications inherent to social media platforms. News24

## Mboweni left in the cold over plans for SAA

PRETORIA - President Cyril Ramaphosa has sided with Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan on the future of SAA, rejecting Finance Minister Tito Mboweni's contention that it should rather be cut loose.

Just a day after Gordhan signalled

that his preference was to nurse the airline back to health, Ramaphosa told parliament on Tuesday that closing it down would destabilise other state-owned entities (SOEs) and the broader economy.

BusinessDay

## 'Leaked Eskom inquiry report invalid until parly committee adopts it

CAPE TOWN - The leaked Eskom Inquiry report remains invalid until the public enterprises committee formally adopts it, Chairperson Zukiswa Rantho has said.

Rantho was speaking to journalists following a multi-party caucus on the matter yesterday. Earlier this week, Rantho told Fin24 that the draft parliamentary report implicating Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba and former public enterprises minister Lynne Brown

was leaked to Business Day.

The committee had not adopted the report, which was then meant to be sent to those implicated for their responses. Rantho called the leak "scandalous" and "embarrassing".

"The committee said the leaked report is not our report. It belongs to the people who leaked it and those who have it in their hands,"

she said.

Those who have the report have obtained a legal parliamentary document illegally, she said.

The report is yet to be finalised - and the committee plans to adopt it next Tuesday.

"It is going to be the first time we see the report, all of us," she said.

"We will ask for extra hours from Parliament to adopt the report," she

said. "Until

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report will be given to those implicated to respond, if they want to, she explained.

Rantho said it could not be guaranteed that the finalised report would not be leaked, as the committee still does not know how the first leak took place. Rantho also said it would be a waste of time for Parliament to investigate the leak.

Fin24



## Climate change is coming for your beer

JOHANNESBURG - Climate change has fuelled raging wild fires around the world, bleached coral reefs and intensified hurricanes - and now it's coming for those tasty fries.

A hot and dry summer has caused low potato yields in Belgium and across Europe, resulting in sad, stubby fries or 'frites' - up to an entire inch shorter than the three-inch norm.

The news gets worse: If the plan was to wash down those salty fries with a cold Belgian beer, then back to the drawing board. There might also

be a shortage of the brew due to an expected decrease in barley yields.

The culprit behind these inconveniences: climate change. Europe has seen record high temperatures and droughts this summer because of climate change. Potato crop yields are down 25 per cent from previous years, and barley (a primary ingredient in beer) yields are expected to fall up to 40 per cent.

"The fact that climate change threatens the small things that make our daily life a happy one, reminds us that we have a responsibility to tackle climate change and its impacts in the world," says Herbert Lust, Vice President of Conservation International Europe.

This problem is bigger than a hefty bar tab: Climate change is already reducing yields of wheat, rice, coffee and cocoa. Agriculture is dependent on weather patterns, and climate change is directly influencing them, resulting in droughts in already dry regions of the world and floods in regions that already receive enough rain.

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**Duma, Can I add this extension any time of the year?**

**Duma Nyawo:** Yes, Mid-term policy changes are allowed. You can add this option at any time of the year. As Sinenkhosi has highlighted, you just send an email, infact you can do it now. We will add this option.



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# TEN MEN ARRESTED FOR 'BEING GAY' IN TANZANIA

**TANZANIA** - At least 10 men have been arrested on the Tanzanian island of Zanzibar for 'being gay' days after a high-profile politician created a hit squad to hunt down homosexuals.

The group were detained when police raided a party at Pongwe Beach after authorities received a tip-off from members of the public. The arrests come days after Paul Makonda, the Regional Commissioner for Dar es Salaam, said an anti-gay surveillance team would be using social media to hunt people down. He also encouraged people to hand over names of anyone they suspected of being gay so authorities could investigate. His comments were subsequently denounced by the Tanzanian government - but homosexuality is still a crime in deeply religious Tanzania and homophobic rhetoric has been on the rise since President John Magufuli was elected in 2015. Seif Magango, East Africa Deputy Director for human rights group Amnesty International, said: "This is a shocking blow following the Tanzanian government's assur-



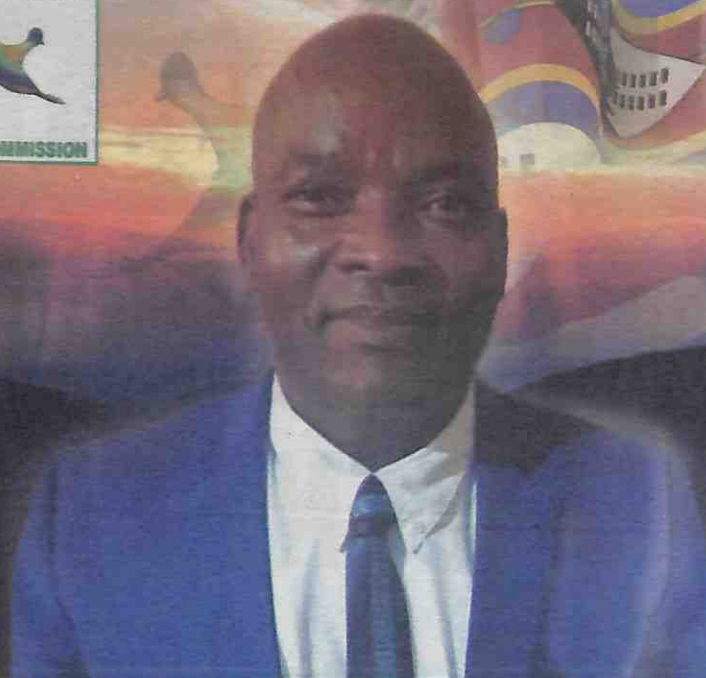
**HIT SQUAD:** Ten men have been arrested for being gay - just days after Paul Makonda, above, the Regional Commissioner for Dar es Salaam, announced an anti-gay hit squad.

ance that no-one would be targeted and arrested because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity. "This appalling attack on Tanzanian people simply exercising their human rights shows the danger of inflammatory and discriminatory rhetoric at senior levels of government.

"We now fear these men may be subjected to forced anal examination, the government's method of choice for 'proving' same-sex sexual activity among men. This must not be

allowed to happen - these men must be released immediately." The 10 men are being held at Chakwal Police Station in Unguja, despite the fact no charges were brought against them. Six others at the party on Saturday night managed to flee from police. Human rights group Amnesty International has established that the men were arrested for allegedly conducting a gay marriage, with police saying they found the men sitting in pairs 'two by two'.

*Daily Mail*



## CONGRATULATORY NOTE HONOURABLE MINISTER MOSES VILAKATI

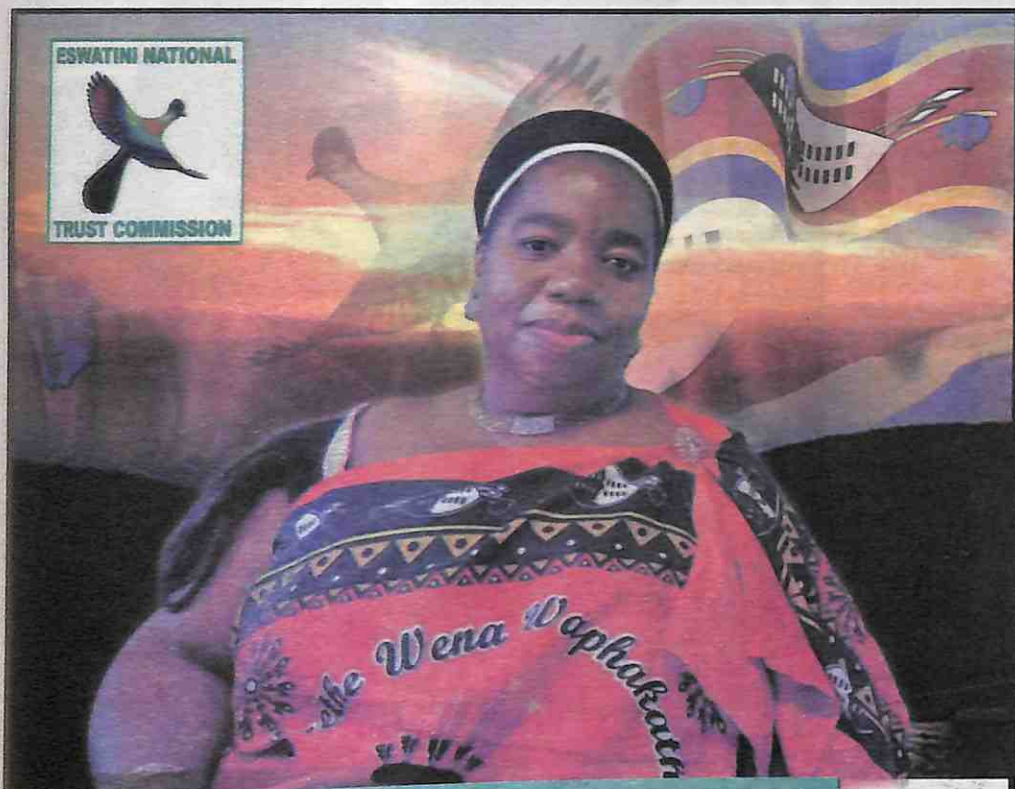
The Board of Commissioners, Executive Management and the entire Staff of the Eswatini National Trust Commission (ENTC), congratulates the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Minister Moses Vilakati, on his election as a Member of Parliament for the Ntandozi Constituency and appointment as a Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs in the Kingdom of Eswatini.

We were pleased to hear of your election and appointment. We are sure that under your great leadership, vision, wisdom and guidance, our line Ministry will strive to greater heights and achievements. Let us once again reiterate our sincere congratulations on your success, election and appointment. We at the ENTC pledge our support.

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## CONGRATULATORY NOTE SENATOR PRINCESS NTFOMBIYENKHOSI

The Board of Commissioners, Executive Management and the entire Staff of the Eswatini National Trust Commission (ENTC), congratulates Senator Princess Ntfombiyenkhozi, who diligently served our Institution as NEEP Coordinator, on her appointment as a Senator in the 11th Parliament of the Kingdom of Eswatini.

We were delighted to hear of your appointment. We are sure that under your great leadership, wisdom and guidance, the Noble House will strive to much greater heights and achievements. Let us once again reiterate our sincere congratulations on your success and appointment. We at the ENTC pledge our further support and look forward to productive cooperation.

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## CONGRATULATORY NOTE LINDA NXUMALO (CEO ESWATINI TOURISM AUTHORITY)

The Board of Commissioners, Executive Management and the entire Staff of the Eswatini National Trust Commission (ENTC), congratulates Ms Linda Nxumalo, who is the Chairperson of our Honorable Board of Commissioners, on her appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Eswatini Tourism Authority. We were pleased to hear of your appointment.

We are sure that under your great leadership, wisdom and guidance, the Eswatini Tourism Authority will thrive to much greater heights and accomplishments. Let us once again reiterate our sincere congratulations on your success and appointment. We at the ENTC pledge our further support and look forward to productive cooperation.

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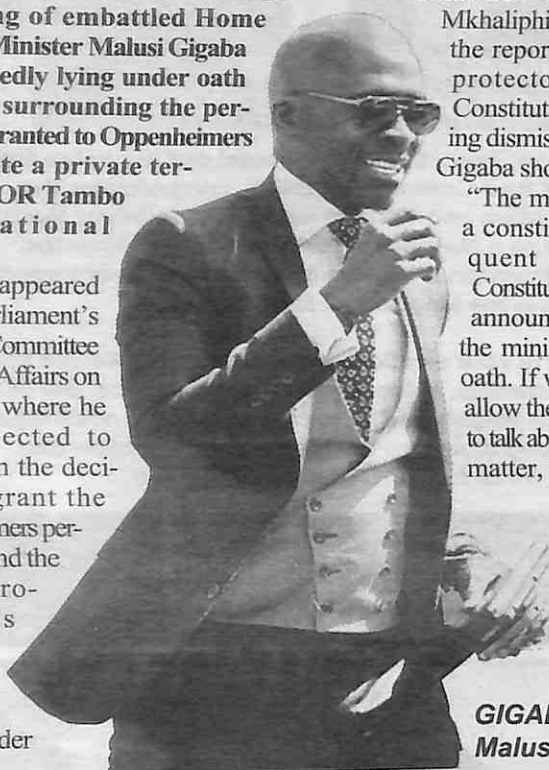
# FOCUS ON SA SCENE



## EFF WANTS GIGABA TO BE SENT PACKING

CAPE TOWN - EFF has called for the axing of embattled Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba for allegedly lying under oath on facts surrounding the permission granted to Oppenheims to operate a private terminal at OR Tambo International Airport.

Gigaba appeared before Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs on Tuesday, where he was expected to answer on the decision to grant the Oppenheims permission and the public protector's report which found that he lied under



oath. EFF MP Hlengiwe Mkhali said following the report by the public protector, and the Constitutional Court ruling dismissing his appeal, Gigaba should be axed.

"The minister remains a constitutional delinquent because the Constitutional Court has announced and found the minister lying under oath. If we are going to allow the minister today to talk about this Fireblade matter, we are second guessing the report of the public protector," said Mkhali.

**GIGABITES:**  
Malusi Gigaba.

denied granting Fireblade Aviation permission to operate a VVIP terminal, contrary to court findings, which he appealed and lost, and a public protector report.

The public protector report recommended that President Cyril Ramaphosa discipline Gigaba for perjuring himself and violating the Constitution as a member of the executive.

He told the committee that talks on the private terminals between government and the Oppenheims date from 2012.

Mkhali, however, said there was no place for Gigaba and Cabinet, that he must resign.

"We must not find ourselves as this committee to appear confused. We have invited the minister, and the Constitutional Court declined the appeal. The minister remains someone who lied under oath, that must be clear. There is nothing we can do. The public protector pronounced on the same matter. *News24*

## Gigaba sorry for pinky finger gesture, mentions taking 'strain'

CAPE TOWN - Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba has apologised unreservedly for making a gesture with his pinky finger at an EFF MP during Parliament's volatile sitting on Tuesday.

In a tweet, the minister said that being provoked, combined with the strain he was under, were no excuse for making the gesture. He agreed with another tweet which said the gesture fed into a "toxic masculinity discourse".

"I apologise, unreservedly, for this gesture. The petty taunts that provoked it and the strain I have been taking,

over the past 10 days, are no excuse for my indiscretion," which is perfectly summed-up in this tweet.

The pinky gesture was a retort to EFF MP Mbuyiseni Ndlozi's suggestion that cellphones without cameras be given to Cabinet ministers, to avoid their phones being hacked.

To laughter from the EFF benches, Ndlozi said: "Honourable President [Cyril Ramaphosa], you know this phone doesn't have a camera.

"You may want to start ordering it for Cabinet members, because it will save us a lot [from] some of their embar-

assing activities.

"It can't even be hacked this phone. Can I come maybe give it to you so you have a model of what phones might be critical for honourable Cabinet members?" It was a reference to the self-filmed tape of Gigaba which leaked last month. The video contained 'content of a sexual nature,' which Gigaba claimed was released after his phone was hacked. The minister responded to Ndlozi by raising his pinky - a gesture some interpreted to be an insult regarding the MP's penis size.

*Times Live*

## #RamaphosaQandA: 'None of us can be proud about what happened'

PARLIAMENT - National Assembly House Chairperson Thoko Didiza had some stern words for MPs after President Cyril Ramaphosa's question and answer session descended into chaos.

On Tuesday, scuffles broke out, first between DA and EFF MPs and then between an EFF MP and an Agang MP following an ugly war of words.

In the first instance, EFF MPs and DA MPs charged towards each other after DA Chief Whip John Steenhuisen called EFF MPs "VBS looters" following an interruption from EFF benches.

EFF leader Julius Malema responded by calling Steenhuisen racist.

House chair Thoko Didiza

then struggled to keep the House in order as EFF members chanted "racists" while pointing fingers towards DA MPs, while DA MPS chanted "pay back the money" towards EFF MPs.

The second fight, which followed minutes later,

broke out between an MP from Agang Andries Tlouamma and EFF MP Nazier Paulsen.

Swearing could be heard from one of the individuals.

Didiza, before closing the session, rebuked MPs for their conduct and thanked Ramaphosa for continuing despite the chaos.

"Ordinarily I would have said this has brought us to the end of our session... but I think it is important as a presiding officer and on behalf of this House to apologise to you [Ramaphosa] for what happened... and thank you for being patient.

"I also want to indeed say to members none of us can be proud about what happened in the House today and I really think we should reflect a bit more, particularly the chief whips, on their roles and what their responsibilities are on their members and on the House."

Didiza went on to say that MPs owed it to each other to be respectful towards each other in spite of their differences and respect the decorum of the House. *IOL*



## 'If DA had gone to court sooner, Zuma would have paid for legal fees'

CAPE TOWN - Jacob Zuma's legal counsel says an application by the DA challenging decisions by the state attorney and the presidency to cover the former president's legal costs is a bid by the party to portray itself as the "champion of accountability".

"It is clear that this litigation is part and parcel of the DA's political strategy to undermine its political enemy and to portray itself as the champion of accountability in public life," Zuma's counsel Thabani Masuku SC argued in papers filed at the Pretoria High Court.

The DA has approached the court seeking a review of the decisions taken by the state attorney and the presidency to pay Zuma's legal fees, and wants them to be declared unlawful and set aside.

The EFF has joined the DA in the matter.

According to the party, the state has already spent at least R15.3m on Zuma's legal fees. Zuma faces 18 criminal charges, including counts of fraud, racketeering, and money laundering.

Zuma's fees, according to the EFF, have reached R32m.

*Times Live*

## WE WILL DELIVER, MAYOR DAN PLATO

CAPE TOWN - Mayor Dan Plato is weak and supported by councillors who are merely singing for their supper.

That's how opposition parties labelled Plato's election as mayor of the City of Cape Town. Plato was officially installed as mayor during a heated council meeting on Tuesday. He won with 146 votes, mostly from DA councillors.

The ANC's Xolani Sotashe, who was also nominated as a candidate, got 53 votes, while the ACDP's candidate, Grant Haskin, got three votes only.

Voting was done by secret ballot.

"I will not be able to do it alone, and will need the support of everyone who shares this city's vision, and let me repeat

that vision now: we are focused on delivering quality services to all residents, serving the residents of Cape Town as a well-governed and corruption-free administration," Plato said in his inaugural speech. But opposition parties did not mince their words.

EFF councillor Melikhaya Xego said Plato had failed in all his previous positions.

"We now know for sure that you want to build a united council, but Mr Mayor you are now leading a caucus that is deeply divided. Previously, as a mayor, you left Khayelitsha with portable toilets. That community still has portable toilets, and you are again the mayor," he said. Xego said Plato should con-

tinue with former mayoral committee member Brett Herron's work on social housing. "Look at the striking MyCiTi bus workers who are outside striking. Why can't they be insourced? You need to continue with Herron's work, not the work of councillors who are just here to sing for their supper," he said.

ANC council leader Xolani Sotashe brought up Plato's relationship with certain gang members, and raised the controversial water issue. "He has disguised talks with gangsters in the name of peace talks. There are victims of the disaster created with the city's water. Our people are paying exorbitant money on their water bills."

*Times Live*



## BRIEFS

## AU troops accused of civilian killings

**MOGADISHU** - Witnesses accused African Union soldiers of having killed four civilians in the capital Mogadishu on Tuesday, after opening fire when their convoy was hit by a roadside bombing. Local people alleged that an armoured AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) convoy opened fire after being hit by improvised explosive devices (IED). The incident occurred in the Huriwa district in the north of the city.

AFP

## 16 Nigeria troops missing

**NIGERIA** - At least 16 Nigerian soldiers are missing following clashes with Boko Haram jihadists in the Lake Chad area, military and militia sources told AFP.

The Islamic State in West Africa (ISWAP) group, a faction of the Boko Haram, claimed responsibility for the attack in which it said 15 soldiers were killed, according to SITE, which tracks the online activities of terrorist organisations. The incident began when gunmen in several trucks attacked a military base and a local market in the town of Kukawa late on Monday, briefly forcing troops out of the base.

AFP

## Nigeria urged to probe Shi'a deaths

**NIGERIA** - A Nigerian human rights lawyer, Femi Falana, has petitioned that country's National Human Rights Commission to investigate the killing of

492 Muslim Shi'as by the army and police between 2014 and 2018. In his petition to the commission's executive secretary, Falana castigated the army and police over infringements of the fundamental rights of the Shi'as, the Premium Times reported.

AFP

## Uber driver facing kidnap charges

**CALIFORNIA** - An Uber driver in California is facing kidnapping charges for refusing to allow four passengers out of his vehicle on Halloween night. Khaled Ali, 35, pleaded not guilty to the charges on Monday, with his attorney saying he was not competent to stand trial. Ali was arrested last Wednesday after leading police on a chase after several people called the emergency services a day before to report that he had taken them in the wrong direction after picking them up and had refused to allow them to exit his vehicle. All of the victims managed to jump out of his car and alerted the police.

AFP

## Florida returns vote to ex-felons

**FLORIDA** - Florida voters on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved an amendment to allow ex-felons who have served prison terms to vote, allowing another 1.5 million people to take part in the 2020 presidential election. So-called Amendment 4 automatically restores voting rights to felons who have completed their sentences, paid restitution and fulfilled their parole or probation obligations - except those convicted of murder or sex crimes. The measure passed with 64.4 per cent support, officials said.

AP



# BLUE WAVE FLOPS

**WASHINGTON** - The Democrats regained control of the House of Representatives in the American mid-term elections but their anticipated 'blue wave' of support broke just short of the Senate, where Republicans maintained control.

As the final ballots were counted early yesterday, Democrats were projected to take 238 seats in the House, easily topping the 218 needed for a majority and having flipped 26 targets along the way.

But in the Senate, it was a different story with Republicans projected to hold 54 seats needed yesterday to the Democrats' 42, with 51 needed for a majority.

Trump called the night a 'tremendous success' on Twitter and praised himself as 'magic', but the reality is that the Democrats will now use their House majority to frustrate his agenda for the remaining two years of his term. Gaining the House also means the Dems gain control of several committees which they could now use to launch investigations into Trump, including subpoenaing tax records he refused to release during the 2016 election.

Despite the gains, the night failed to live up to Democrat expectations with the party failing to gain the maximum number of seats they were projected in the House and losing key governor races, includ-

ing Florida. In Georgia, Democrat Stacey Abrams is refusing to concede in a close race that would make her America's first female black governor. Taylor Swift's intervention also flopped as Marsha Blackburn won the Senate in Tennessee by 26 points over Democrat candidate Phil Bredesen, who the singer backed.

While the Democrats' grass-roots organisation allowed them to seize the House, Trump's showmanship and personality thwarted them in key battleground states of Indiana, Missouri, and Tennessee - where he held rallies in the closing days of the election.

One of the most bitter defeats for

the Democrats came in Texas, where rising star Beto O'Rourke was defeated by incumbent Ted Cruz - a onetime foe of Trump who has since warmed to him - though the contest was closer than anticipated. Another stinging Dem loss came in Florida, Donald Trump's adopted home state, where Ron DeSantis won a seat in the governor's mansion, ahead of Andrew Gillum, despite backing from the likes of P Diddy. In Tennessee, Marsha Blackburn defeated Democrat rival Phil Bredesen by a crushing 26 point margin, despite Taylor Swift denouncing her on Instagram and urging supporters to vote for Bredesen instead. *Daily Mail*

## Teachers in Zim threaten to down tools

**HARARE** - A Zimbabwean teachers union has reportedly declared a nationwide strike over deteriorating working conditions.

According to Daily News, the Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe (PTUZ) said its members were "fed up with a government they see as unresponsive to their concerns".

PTUZ General Secretary Raymond Majongwe said the teachers were set to down tools tomorrow.

"We call upon our members to fully support our initiative which will be our way of sending an unequivocal message to the employer that we are fed up, hence we can't continue like this because we have tried negotiations but government is insensitive," Majongwe was quoted as saying.

The teachers were expected to gather at the Africa Unity square and march to Psmas offices then to the employers offices at the new government complex and Mukwati building to hand over their petition. Teachers, who made up the major-

ity of government workers in the southern African nation, last month demanded to be paid in US dollars following widespread shortages of basic commodities.

### Situation

Other government workers who included doctors had also made similar demands after the worsening economic condition that had led to shortages of basic commodities such as drugs and fuel in recent months.

According to New Zimbabwe.com, public hospital doctors also issued a petition to Health Minister Obadiah Moyo last month, demanding to be paid in the diminishing US dollars.

The Zimbabwe Hospital Doctors Association said that their demands were not new but their situation had been worsened by the country's deteriorating economic situation.

The doctors association said its members were last month paid in RTGS and were unable to access basic commodities, or even travel to work.

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## Six far-right suspects held over 'plot' against Macron

**PARIS** - Six people linked to French extreme right movements were detained on Tuesday on suspicions they were preparing a "violent" plot against President Emmanuel Macron, sources close to the case told AFP.

The five men and one woman, aged 22 to 62, were seized by France's DGSi domestic intelligence agency,

which did not release their identities, one of the sources said.

Four suspects were picked up in the northeastern city of Moselle, a little more than an hour's drive from Verdun, which Macron was visiting on Tuesday as part of week-long commemorations of the World War I centenary.

Daily Mail

## Prince Charles cuts out stop in Nigeria over security concerns

**ABUJA** - The Prince of Wales has cut out a stop of a trip to Nigeria over security concerns, following months of deadly clashes between nomadic herders and farmers in the restive region.

Prince Charles and his second wife, Camilla, arrived in the Nigerian capital Abuja, on the tail end of a West African tour that has included Gambia and Ghana. They were expected to travel to Nigeria's central city of Jos yesterday, the last day of their stay,

to discuss peace-building and conflict resolution. "Due to operational constraints beyond our control, we have decided at this time not to include Jos during their royal highnesses' visit to Nigeria," said a British foreign office spokesperson on Monday. "We are delighted to have an exciting programme of activity in Abuja and Lagos which will showcase those issues close to the prince's and the duchess' hearts," she said.

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# MTN BUSHFIRE INJECTS E158 000 TO YOUNG HEROES

By Nokwanda Sibandze

MTN BUSHFIRE brought its fire to Lobamba Lomdzala area as they presented a cheque of E158 775.00 to Young Heroes on Monday.

MTN Bushfire and Young Heroes were also delighted to launch the Young Heroes work in Lobamba Lomdzala premises.

The decision comes as part of Bushfire's efforts to focus its beneficiaries' proceeds towards strengthening the direct relationship between the festival and its immediate community.

With the partnership dating back to the very first MTN Bushfire, the festival and its partners have to date donated over E1 700 000 to the organisation, enabling Young Heroes to provide food and clothing to over 1 000 orphans. At the launch of this new project, the MTN Bushfire team handed over a cheque of E158 775.

## Relief

Young Heroes, a non-profit organisation that supports double orphaned families from Eswatini, provides relief services to the orphans through cash transfers (Life Support Grants) and has since expanded to the NGO's vocational skills training empowerment programme, health-care, HIV prevention, and projects sustaining OVC at Neighbourhood Care Points (NCP).

Young Heroes Director Khulekani



**CHEQUE:** MTN Bushfire team and Young Heroes representatives posing with the E158 775 cheque presented to Young Heroes by MTN Bushfire yesterday at Lobamba Lomdzala. (Courtesy pics)



**HAPPY:** Young Heroes Director Khulekani Magongo displaying the cheque.

Magongo said they were grateful for this gesture.

"We are excited with the support that we continuously get from the Bushfire team. Their support

is consistent, which shows that they are committed in helping young people in the country.

"This money will go towards paying for school fees, clothing and food for the underprivileged children that Young Heroes support," said Magongo.

## Appreciating

He also revealed that some children would now get a monthly stipend of E200 each because of this sponsorship.

Appreciating the partnership the MTN Bushfire has shown over the years, Magongo said they were grateful to the team for not only supporting Young Heroes but for giving a number of young people in the country hope and a better future.

"We are very grateful, especially

because they continue to support young people of the country and they do not end there but they also boost the country's economy by making sure that these young people have a better future despite their circumstance," he added.

## Vulnerable

"We would like to say thank you very much; it is not only yielding results for these young people but also helping in the development of the country and it allows us to take care of vulnerable children," explained Magongo.

E15 of every festival ticket sale goes directly to Young Heroes. Supporting year-round fundraising as well as fundraising during the festival itself also forms part of this ongoing partnership between MTN Bushfire and Young Heroes.

## VIP added for Young Life Carnival

By Ayanda Dlamini

A VIP section has been added for this Saturday's Young Life Carnival featuring SA artist Twasa.

This was revealed by Young Life Director Sthembile Nsibande, who said this option would also allow non-teenagers to also be part of the show.

"VIP is retailing at E100 and general at E50. Preparations for the event are at an advanced stage as we had a site meeting with everyone this week to ensure that everything goes smoothly," she said.

The event will be held in one of the pavilions at Mavuso Trade Centre.

"The room is nice and cosy and we believe it will create just the right atmosphere for the day of fun and music we shall have," Nsibande said.

The event is supported by Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture, Eswatini National Youth Council, Barcode Creative, Carson Group, Happy Valley Hotel and PEO Investments.

Other artists to perform on the day include Skeel, Sibz and Switch.

There will also be a fashion show by local designers under ENCAC.

The guest artist Twasa, who is also a motivational speaker and has been globetrotting the continent with her groovy debut album, is expected to drop pearls of wisdom to the youth.

Tickets are available at all Spur outlets around the country; Mbabane, Ezulwini and Manzini.

Young Life is a Christian non-governmental organisation aimed at influencing positive behaviour among the youth, especially teenagers.



## 'SIMPLY SPEAKING' TAKING MENTAL HEALTH TALKS COUNTRYWIDE

By Nokwanda Sibandze

AFTER a successful and heart-touching session on mental health, 'Simply Speaking' has seen the need to take these discussions around the country.

The discussions will in the next couple of days be held throughout the country to spread the awareness on the importance of mental health.

This was revealed by the founder of 'Simple Speaking' Philani Mpanza yesterday. As the nation loses more and more of its finest and loved ones from mental health related incidents, including but not limited to depression, the talk show would be hosting a panel discussion on the subject in many



**REVEALED:** Founder of 'Simple Speaking' Philani Mpanza.

areas across the country.

Aptly named 'The Quasi National Tour,' it will feature different and respected mental health practitioners. "Basically, we are trying to get everyone on these conversations we have a history of avoiding, which continues to worsen the damage caused by

pretending these issues do not exist.

The case of mental health calls that we collectively invest in addressing all the issues around it not just minimise incidents of suicide or substance abuse but so we all are well informed about these issues on a national scale," Mpanza explained.

The University of Eswatini will host the first session of the conversations at Kwaluseni Campus in the Science lecture theatre II.

Speakers of the day include psychologists Phephile Sukati, Zanele Dlamini, mental health advocates Sakhile Shabangu, Swanikile Hlophe and two survivors Smallz and Mpumi Nkambele. Next stop is Siteki on November 15, at Siteki Hotel.

## Mlindo's make-up show slated for Dec 20

By Nokwanda Sibandze

### IT'S on again.

Just a few days after South African musician Mlindo The Vocalist apologised to his fans for his 'no show' at the MegaSound Picnic two weeks ago, his make-up show has been confirmed.

The show will be held at Solani's Shisanyama on December 20, courtesy of MegaSound Events and Blaq Boy Stable; the artist's recording label.

This was confirmed by MegaSound PRO Zanele Magongo yesterday.

"The make-up show is on. We would like to apologise



once again to Mlindo's fans for him not showing up two weeks ago at our picnic.

### Assured

Music lovers can rest assured that he will be in the country on December 20 at Solani's Shisanyama," Magongo said. Mlindo will be performing

in the country for the second time.

His latest single 'Amacala', which features Kwesha, Thabsie and Sfeesoh, has all the makings of a summer hit with its irresistible beat and vocal interplay.

### Troubles

The song is about forgetting your troubles and taking time out to lay your hair down.

"Mlindo's album is a must have for collectors and many will be excited to know that they will experience this entire musical mix at the show," Magongo said.

Magongo added that other details concerning the show such as tickets prices would be revealed as time goes on.



# MR ESWATINI DIRECTOR IMPACTING YOUNG LIVES

By Nokwanda Sibandze

MR Eswatini Director Linda Chester is giving back to the community through his recently launched programme.

With his new initiative, Change a Child's Diet Foundation, the young man with Nomahungelo Mowele from South Africa having been providing food to the less privileged children of Makholweni, Fairview, in Manzini.

Chester said the purpose of this foundation to reach out to less fortunate orphans by giving them hope, and most of all, encouraging them to work hard to change their different situations.

"In some of the care points we visited, we would be told

that the last time the children had meat as part of their meal was on Christmas," said Chester.

## Concept

According to Chester, the money for all this work is mostly from investors from South Africa and Eswatini who applauded the concept when he introduced it on social media.

"One of the main reasons I started this foundation is because I know the life of not being able to get a balanced daily meal.

## Testimony

"I have lived that life and it's not good; that is why I want to go all out and give children hope that every situation passes and I'm a living testimony," he said.

Chester urged the youth of the Kingdom of Eswatini to go out and touch these young and less privileged souls out there as they need inspiration.

He also urged corporates to invest in his foundation as it is for a good course.



**HAPPY:** Linda Chester with the children from Makholweni Soup Kitchen in Fairview. (Courtesy pics)

**RIGHT:** A group of the children from Ngwane Park Soup Kitchen.

# LIVE AMP'S LAMIEZ HOLWORTHY FOR FLYING FISH FLAVOUR FEST

By Ayanda Dlamini

**MORE 'flavour' has been added to Flying Fish Flavour Fest.**

SABC 1's Live Amp presenter and DJ Lamiez Holworthy has been added to the third edition of the Flying Fish Flavour Festival.

Lamiez will be joining the Major League DJs and 14 local acts such as Master P, Zulu D, Tendanes, LomaSoul, Amanda Mo, DJs Mbo, Tibza, Lyrical Busta and Wicked, to mention a few, all in one stage.

This was revealed by Swaziland Beverages Trade Marketing Manager Khetsiwe Dlamini yesterday.

Making a comeback this year, the festival will be hosted at Dwaleni Farm Lodge on December 1 with Thembeke 'TBK' Ndlangamandla and Bongani Shiba as MCs of the day.

Young, multi-talented and mixing it up on the decks, Lamiez Holworthy (26) has been rocking South African entertainment circles for over six years now and she is already regarded as a top female DJ in Pretoria.

## Featured

Lamiez has previously released a debut single titled 'Let it be,' with her music video being play listed by Channel O, Trace and e-TV. She was also featured as a guest DJ on Metro FM, YFM, Motswedding and Tshwane FM.

Lamiez is also an avid biker and DJs at the annual South African and Swazi Biker Rallies. Lamiez is affectionately known as 'The Tattooed Lady' and strives to teach young girls how to be comfortable in their own skin.

"This event is bringing unmatched experience, engaging consumers more and creating memorable experiences with Lamiez and Major League DJs announced as the two international acts," said Dlamini.

Pre-sale tickets are vying for E350 for VIP and E150 general. VIP ticket includes a meal and limited complimentary drinks.



**FLAVOUR IN YOUR EAR:** Young, multi-talented and mixing it up on the decks, Lamiez Holworthy.

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International  
Celebrity News

## Spice Girls to make over \$3 million each for UK tour

**NEW YORK** - The Spice Girls will be getting P-A-I-D for their brief UK tour, more than \$3 million each and they can roll in even more dough if they kill it in ticket sales.

Sources tell us the four out of five Spice Girls who are hitting the road next summer across the pond are set to be making nearly \$550k a head for each of their six shows in Britain, totalling about \$3.2 million each. Ain't too shabby for six days of work.

Here's the kicker, we're told Mel B and co. could make even more cash if their shows sell well enough to spur a second leg outside the UK, the girls

**RE-UNITED: Spice Girls.**

could rake in up to \$6.5 million each. *People Magazine*

## Beyonce comes out in support of Beto O'Rourke

**TEXAS** - Beyonce's a little late to the Beto O'Rourke party, but she just gave him a huge plug on Election Day, rocking his signature hat and encouraging America to vote.

Queen Bey just posted a photo montage on IG that shows herself wearing a 'Beto for Senate' hat the same one LeBron wore just a couple weeks ago. She captioned her photo with a long description of why it's important to vote, saying that complaining is useless if you don't do the most basic thing you can to fix problems namely, voting.

She goes on to wish everyone positive energy as they cast their ballots, adding that every vote counts and that every race matters. Clearly, she's

**SUPPORT: Beyonce.**

also throwing her support behind Beto to replace Republican incumbent Ted Cruz. *News 24*

## Swizz Beatz auctioning painting to raise funds

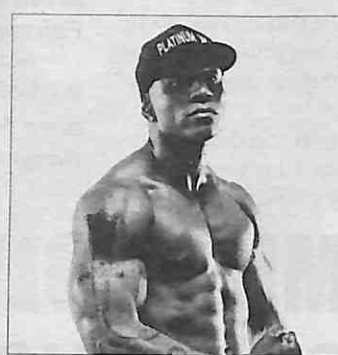
**HOLLYWOOD** - Swizz Beatz is doing an awesome thing to raise money for the next generation, auctioning off one of his original paintings to help raise funds for children in need. The legendary producer has become a major player in the art world, Jay-Z and Beyonce own a few pieces of Swizz's work and he's auctioning off the painting he created alongside our Raquel Harper from last night episode of 'Raq Rants' on BET, with all of the proceeds going to charity. Swizz's painting is a must-have for any hip-hop or art collectors, and all pro-

**GOOD HEART: Swizz Beats.**

ceeds will go to Children's Rights, a national watchdog organisation fighting for abused and neglected children in the US. *Celeb vibe*

## LL Cool J teams up with Ice Cube

**HOLLYWOOD** - LL Cool J and Ice Cube are joining forces but it ain't about music, it's about sports TV domination. TMZ Sports has learned LL is now a part of a powerful group looking to bid on 22 regional sports channels, including the YES Network -- that Disney is being forced to sell off by the Justice Dept. Long story short, Disney got the 22 stations as part of its \$71 billion acquisition of 21st Century Fox. But, officials believe that since Disney is already the majority owner of ESPN, controlling the 22 sports stations would give them too much power in the

**THE COOL GUY: LL Cool J.**

sports TV landscape. The 22 stations involved in the deal include everything from Fox Sports San Diego to Fox Sports Arizona, Fox Sports Detroit, Fox Sports Southwest and more. *TMZ*

## SA Celebrity News

## Vusi Nova responds to claims he 'stole' As'phelelanga

**PRETORIA** - It seems like the more popular Vusi Nova's *As'phelelanga* becomes, the more people want to claim ownership of the song but the singer has explained that while he's never said the song "belongs" to him, he won't let people drag him for 15 minutes of fame. "Now, I have to deal with people popping up everywhere saying that I stole the song from them. Like today, I saw an article of some *maskandi* guy asking for credit. But really, 'How is the song yours?' We sang that song when we were kids, not just me in the Eastern

**THAT'S A JOKE: Vusi Nova.**

Cape but also a stranger I don't even know in Limpopo... I got a call from another paper today saying a certain soccer team is suing me for the song as well, saying they sang it first," Vusi told Tshisa Live *Times Live*

## Kgomotso on what hubby thinks of her kissing scenes

**CAPE TOWN** - Ever since she joined the cast just over a year ago, Kgomotso Christopher has been doing the most on *Scandal!* as Yvonne. Yvonne's drama and sass has won over the hearts of viewers. But she's also quite the charmer, which prompted one fan to question what Kgomotso's husband, Calvin thinks of all her steamy kissing scenes.

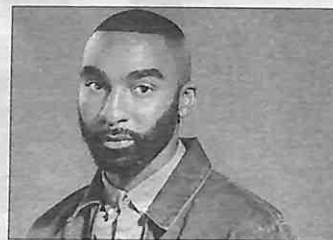
Here's what she had to say: "But remember my hubby met me knowing fully well that I wanted to pursue the performing arts. Has seen me act in the craziest of drama productions and and. He's

**IT'S JUST A KISS: Kgomotso.**

seen it all. Supports my career. I hear you though." During an interview with *Sowetan Live* earlier this year, Kgomotso said she loved every moment of bringing Yvonne to life. *Sowetan*

## Riky Rick joins 'The Voice SA' team

**JOHANNESBURG** - Rapper Riky Rick 'larger-than-life' personality and rap skills has scored him a seat on the next season of 'The Voice' SA as one of four coaches. "With his millions of social media followers, unique blend of music styles, offbeat view of the world and wacky sense of fashion, Riky is the centre of attention wherever he goes," said M-Net's Head of Publicity, Lani Lombard. Lani said that Riky knows first-hand about the difficulties of getting into the industry and was keen to share that knowledge. Riky said it was an

**LARGER THAN LIFE: Rick Rick.**

honour to be a coach on the show. "In fact, my whole family watches the show. It's so cool to be part of it now. If the talent at the blind auditions know what's good for them, they'll pick me as their coach" *Sowetan*

## AKA explains awards snub

**MIDRAND** - AKA had to call the 'Megacy' to order on Monday night after the SA Hip-Hop Awards nominees list was released and the 'Fela In Versace' star was not on it. The Megacy went into attack mode and AKA had to quickly put out the fire by explaining that he did not submit because he's no longer interested in awards.

AKA went on to explain that not submitting was just a personal preference at this point in his career. "I am simply not interested in people telling us who is great and who is deserving and who isn't anymore. Bob Marley and Tupac

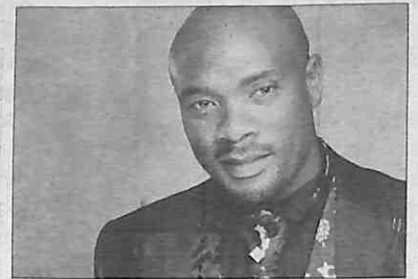
**NOT INTERESTED: AKA.**

never won Grammys. I also don't look down on people who DO submit or care about awards. It's just my preference at this point in my career." *Sowetan*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

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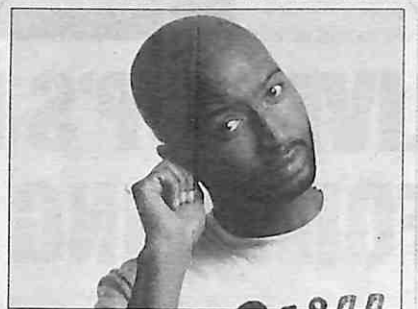
TODAY

**INSULTED: Mpiyakhe.**

Mpiyakhe and Dabula's first meeting goes wrong and Dabula insults Mpiyakhe. Zembe continues his pursuit of Mabuyi. Mimi is excited about going to Club Sheba.

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TODAY

**SHOCKED: Ntando.**

Ntando is shocked when Gatanga makes an astonishing revelation about his father's illness. Hendrik and Lalage continue to fall apart and Hendrik finds a fix. Gabriel messes up his chances but bounces back.

Muvhango

TODAY

**HACKER: Zenzile.**

Shumi gets caught between illusion and reality. The Vhakwevhos are happy with Skhumbuzo's decision. Zenzile continues to hack into James's private life.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY

**SURPRISE: Cuba.**

Lerato tries to turn Bongi against Lungile. David tries to turn Lungile against Bongi. Cuba has a nice surprise from Puleng.



## PICTURE OF THE DAY



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

## Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Minor tensions could arise today, Capricorn. People close to you, perhaps your mate or parents, seem to be trying to force you to adopt a behaviour that you aren't at all willing to follow. Will you negotiate your independence gently or tear yourself free from their domination? The second possibility seems more likely.



## Cancer June 22 – July 22

You may find yourself in a situation where you need to choose whether or not to commit to a relationship, Cancer. Old demons could come back to haunt you, renewing doubts and creating fears about a lack of freedom. Ignore these demons at all costs! If you give in to them, you're likely to lose a lot of ground. Be courageous and make a decision on your own.



## Aquarius January 20 – February 18

The mood may be oppressive today, Aquarius. After meeting the challenges of the past several days, you're now in need of some well-deserved peace and quiet! Alas, the authorities are unwilling to give it to you. You can expect to be unceremoniously deposited at your desk. Work, it seems, won't wait until you've had a nap. Why not plan an exotic vacation?



## Leo July 23 – August 22

Today is going to be a great day for you, Leo. You aren't one to embrace rules, constraints, or restrictions of any kind, preferring instead to reside in a fantasy world where no limitations apply. Have you considered that it's possible for you to join the rest of us here on Earth and still retain your liberty and ideals?



## Pisces February 19 – March 20

This isn't a day for sensitive people like you, Pisces. In fact, the one who shouts the loudest and bangs on the table the hardest is likely to come out the winner today. The air of violence will also have an effect on you. You will be somewhat upset, very thin-skinned, and much more vulnerable than usual. It would be wise to try to stay away from commotion if you can.



## Virgo August 23 – September 22

It's important that you abandon the myth that you don't have any gifts or talents, Virgo. Consider thinking about your talents in the same way you think about your body. When you exercise, eat right, and get plenty of rest, your body responds. Your talents are no different. They need care and nurturing, too.



## Libra September 23 – October 23

If you're waiting for someone to come and fill all of your needs, emotional ones in particular, you may have to wait a very long time! You're responsible for fulfilling your own needs, Libra. If you don't, you will be eternally dependent. This would be unlike Libra, and certainly unlike you!



## Scorpio October 24 – November 21

If you have children, their difficulties may remind you of your own, Scorpio. Or it may simply be that their education brings back memories of yours. Are you holding onto an issue from a period in your life that still bothers you? This would be a good moment to ask yourself the question. Ask it, then answer it and put it to rest once and for all!



## Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Don't spend beyond your means today, Sagittarius! If you happen to be in a crowd of enthusiastic shoppers, it could be disastrous for your finances if you get caught up in the frenzy. On the other hand, perhaps you owe yourself a reward for all your hard work. Is there a gift you could give yourself that doesn't involve money? Time, perhaps?



## Gemini May 21 – June 21

It may be that you've been a bit too stubborn lately. You've been doing whatever you want, giving no consideration to financial constraints. Now it's urgent that you take care of any unresolved monetary issues. You definitely have some lessons to learn in the area of fiscal responsibility, Gemini! Do what you can to raise your awareness.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

PUZZLE  
CHOICE  
INVENTORS

Can you find the inventors hidden in the box? They may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, forwards or backwards.



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## WOMEN

Women are like computer virus, they ENTER your life, SEARCH your pocket, SHIFT your balance.

CONTROL your life...when you become an old version DELETE you from the SYSTEM

## USELESS FACTS

1. Typewriter is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard.
2. China has more English speakers than the United States.
3. Cat's urine glows under

- a black light.
4. Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
5. On average, people fear spiders more than they do death.

BRAinteasers  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. There are lots of me at Thanksgiving, but you don't want me to be wasted because my meat's really juicy just so long as I have been basted.

**Answer:** Turkey

2. This fruit is made of two words conjoined. The first part of it is also a tree. The second part is a different fruit and goes on a pizza from Hawaii.

**Answer:** Pineapple

**Today's Brainteasers:**  
1. Ground beef, sour cream, guacamole, rice, pinto beans and cheese to finish making a burrito. They're wrapped in one of these.  
2. I am a fruit that's red. That's often used in a smoothie. I'm bought in a punnet and made into jam and jelly.





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**NEWS**



## MONEY IN THE BANK: REAL HOUSEWIVES OF NEW JERSEY

THE ladies of Franklin Lakes are back with the drama we live for, and we find out if they can put their money where their mouth is.

### Melissa Gorga

Estimated Net Worth: \$1.5 million  
She has the least net worth but it's \$1.5 million than I have. She has made her money using her television fame. She has released a few songs, written a marriage advice book and opened a clothing boutique store called Envy, famously named after her tagline: 'The only life I envy is my own'. What to look forward to is that Melissa Joe (husband) and Teresa (sister-in-law) decide to open a 'family' restaurant without consulting her. When she confronts them Teresa says that she is not a real Gorga, she is only Gorga by name... burn!

### Danielle Staub

Estimated Net Worth: \$3 million  
Danielle wrote a tell-all book on RHNJ, The Naked Truth: The Real Story Behind the Real Housewife of New Jersey and she has also tried her hand at music. What to look forward to from Danielle She is the queen of drama, do you remember Teresa's famous table flip from season one? That was inspired by Danielle. In a weird twist of fate she comes back



this season and cozies up to Teresa over yoga, but then she uses this new found friendship to break up Teresa's and Dolores' 20 year old friendship.

### Dolores Cantania

Estimated Net Worth: \$3.5 million.  
Her ex-husband used to support her lavish life but now she is an entrepreneur and owns two gyms in New Jersey. She worked her way up from a corrections officer, to a surgical technician, and then she went into real estate.

She knows how to shut a person down when they cross the line and that's exactly what she does to Danielle and her lies. She also has an amicable relationship with her ex-husband, which jeopardizes her relationship with her beau.

### Siggy Flicker

Estimated Net Worth: \$5 million  
Siggy is a successful relationship expert and author. She says she was the poorest girl in town growing up, she is the definition of #LookAtGod.

Her and new cast mate Margaret Josephs clash on a trip to Boca Raton, to the point where she calls Margaret an anti-Semite. This causes a major divide between the cast and makes things awkward.

### Teresa Giudice

Estimated Net Worth: \$11 million  
Theresa and her husband were imprisoned for fraud among other things but she came out of prison and wrote a prison memoir, Standing Strong which went onto the New York's best-

selling list.

Before prison she was a fashionista who contributed to the Vogue Magazine and was a buyer for the prestigious Macy's. She also has number of best-selling cook books and a signature cocktail.

Kim DePaola insinuates that Teresa is cheating while Joe (her husband) is away in prison and that starts the fight of century.

### Margaret Josephs

Estimated Net Worth: Between \$16 million - \$30 million

## Grooms taking charge in OPW

**KGOTSO proved to be a jack of all trades during his wedding.**

Now, we've heard of Bridezillas and over-bearing mothers or sisters in law who want to handle everything. But hardly ever the groom!

Well, let's just say Kgotso was THAT groom! He literally took charge of the wedding reception seating arrangement this past Sunday. There he was crossing out names of guests at the entrance, while his wife Cathleen was inside the reception area.

In his defense, he said these names were of the guests that didn't show up at the matrimonial ceremony. The couple had invited 110 guests.

Not only did Kgotso 'handle' the guests seating arrangements, there

was a point where he was also MC, at his own wedding! Now, a lot of you found that both quite amusing and to some point, unusual.

All the reception proceedings went well and Kgotso and Cathleen were happy about everything and ended the day with a fist bump.

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Margaret is the newest cast member and her tagline is: 'I bring the power, the pigtailed and the party'. She definitely brings the power, in 2012 CNN featured her on Moms Making Millions where her business, The Macbeth Collection made \$26 million.



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(Idols1, Idols 2)

Explore Dubai with Pro, Thando, Thato and Yanga.

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### MONDAY

Dubai is a city chock full of architectural masterpieces and what better way to see all of this than the highest point possible! That's why Pro, Thando, Thato & Yanga hopped onto HeliDubai to scope some breathtaking views of the whole city! They didn't stop there either. There's nothing quite as relaxing as sitting on a boat wafting through a large expanse of water. Since voting might have been weighing heavy on their minds it was probably a great idea that our Idols took some time off to ride the waves & enjoy the sunny weather.

### TUESDAY

It just wouldn't be a trip to Dubai without a little excursion to see something we have very little of here in SA: stunning, massive sand dunes stretching on and on as far as the eye can see. Our Idols ditched the swimwear for some protective clothing and buffs before setting off.

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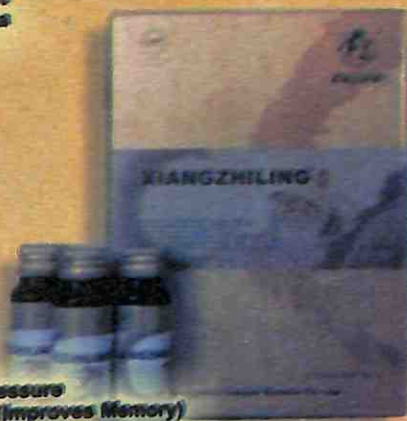
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Funeral: 11/11/2018  
Vigil: 10/11/2018  
Place: Entfungula

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waSamson Majanyonga Ntshalintshali kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaNtshalintshali baseBhahwini nalabaseGebeni nekhabinina kaNkhosi eNdzaleni, basekhakhakhe kaTsela eBhahwini naseGebeni nebakaPhakatsi eTjebovu kaVelezizweni kanye nabobonkhe bantfwabakhe nebatukulu bakhe kutsi ufihlwa ngeliSontfo mhlaka 11 November 2018. Kulindzelwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 10 November 2018, Entfungula. Kwatiswa nebeliSontfo lakhe iApostle Faith Church International ngephansi kwaMongameli L.V. Ndlangamandla. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumnakabo Sgoko.

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Siphepho Dlamini



Funeral: 11/11/2018  
Vigil: 10/11/2018  
Place: kuManzana

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani ba Siphepho Dlamini kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kulindzelwa mhlaka 10 November 2018. Afihlwe ngeliSontfo ekuseni ekhaya kubo kuManzana kaDvokolwako. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMndeni.

Lindelwa Fortunate Dlamini



Funeral: 10/11/2018  
Vigil: 09/11/2018  
Place: eGundvini

Kwatiswa bantfwabankhosi baseGundvini bakaMkhabela ekhabonina, Ngculwini Methodist kutsi Lindelwa Fortunate Dlamini lobekafundza eSt Pauls high School Hall akasekho emhlabeni ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo 10 November 2018 ngemvakwemlindzelo eGundvini. Ufihlwa ngelisiko lemaLangeni. Memorial service itoba eSt Pauls high school Hall, icala nga 1:00pm. Simemetelo sikhishwa nguMshikashika Petros Dlamini egameni lemndeni. Inkonzo icala nga 9pm.

Pamela Xolile Tsabedze



Funeral: 11/11/2018  
Vigil: 10/11/2018  
Place: kaShewula

Kwatiswa tihlobo nemndeni waPamela Xolile Tsabedze kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa bakaTsabedze elangeni, baka Dlamini eNcangosini khabo nina, nebaka Mahlalela ekhakhakhe kaShewula. Utawufihlwa kaShewula ngeliSontfo. Kulindzelwa ngeMgcibelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabetala wakhe Steve Mbuzi Mgungundvwa Mahlalela.

Hezekial Hlatwako



Funeral: 10/11/2018  
Vigil: 09/11/2018  
Place: eGundvini

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani baHezekial Hlatwako kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Hlatwako, kulesibovu, bekhabinina kaKhumalo eGundvini, bekhakhakhe kaGwebu eMafutseni nelibandla lakhe kaNgomane Jericho kubabe Dlamini. Ufihlwa ngeMgcibelo mhlaka 10 November 2018 emvakwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngubabe wakhe Gilazi egameni lemndeni.

Mzwandile Majola



Funeral: 10/11/2018  
Vigil: 09/11/2018  
Place: Nkanyazi

Relatives and friends of Mzwandile Majola are notified of his sudden demise. He will be laid to rest on the 10 November 2018 after a night vigil on Saturday at his parental home Nkanyazi Mankayane. Announcement by his father Benson Majola.

Donald Velezizweni Mamba



Funeral: 10/11/2018  
Vigil: 09/11/2018  
Place: Msahweni

Kwatiswa tihlobo nebangani beMfundisi Donald Velezizweni Mamba kutsi akasekho emhlabeni. Kwatiswa baka Gogo wakhe kaTsabedze kuMavula nebasekhakhakhe kaGwebu eTimphisini kanye nelibandla lakhe. Utawufihlwa eMsahweni mhlaka 10 November 2018, ngeMgcibelo emvakwemlindzelo ngalesihlanu. Lokhipha simemetelo nguDavid Mshololwane Mamba egameni lemndeni.



Thabsile Glorious Dlamini



Funeral: 10/11/2018  
Vigil: 09/11/2018  
Place: eNgudzeni

Kwatiswa emalangen eLugcolweni, Bangani netihlobo kutsi Thabsile Glorious Dlamini akasekho emhlabeni. Kutawulindzelwa ngalesihlanu afihlwe ngeMgcibelo ekhaya kubo Engudzeni mhlaka 10 November 2018. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumnakabo Siphogameni lemndeni. Lala ngekuthula Hlubi lomuhle.

Death brings pain that time can only heal,  
no words could ease what we truly feel;  
but with God, her joy is eternally sealed,  
and cherish her memories  
that death can't even steal

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**JOB**  
**13:15**

Though He slay me,  
yet will I hope in him;  
I will surely  
defend my ways to  
his face.

The LORD is close to  
the broken-hearted; he  
rescues those whose  
spirits are crushed.

it's almost unbearable  
when so much hope  
turns in deep sorrow  
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# UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## NEYMAR CLAIMS HIS NEMESIS REF SHOULD BE PUNISHED

PARIS - Neymar has called for a senior UEFA referee to be punished after claiming the official said 'something he should not have' to him during Paris Saint Germain's Champions League draw with Napoli.

The Brazilian played the full game and was shown a yellow card by referee Bjorn Kuipers as Thomas Tuchel's men were denied victory by Lorenzo Insigne's 62nd-minute penalty.

But despite picking up a good

away point, Neymar was left furious after the final whistle following an altercation with experienced official Kuipers whom he previously rowed with at the 2018 World Cup.

Kuipers told Neymar to 'shut up' after a penalty he awarded to the Brazilian was overturned by VAR during Brazil's 2-0 win against Costa Rica.

And Neymar was left fuming after the pair's latest run-in.

"The referee told me something

he should not have," Neymar said. "It was disrespectful."

"I do not want to repeat what he said to me. However, somebody high up should do something." Neymar was booked in second-half stoppage time as he waited to take a free-kick alongside team-mate Marco Verratti. It is not clear whether the alleged incident took place while he was being booked, or at another point in the match.

*Daily Mail*



**BUT WHY?:** Neymar shouts at referee Bjorn Kuipers during PSG's 1-1 draw away at Napoli on Tuesday night.

## Thierry Henry's homecoming to Monaco turning into a nightmare

MONACO - Given the choice between Aston Villa or Monaco, West Midlands or the French Riviera, Championship or the Champions League, Thierry Henry figured it was a no-brainer.

"Having started my footballing

career with this great club," Henry said after his announcement in October, "it seems like fate that I will now begin my managerial career here too." A month later, the Monaco student-turned-master is discovering how difficult this job will be. So far, it has been

more Va Va Gloom than Va Va Voom for this French footballing legend. Monaco sit 19th out of 20 in Ligue 1 and are now no longer in the Champions League after a humiliating 4-0 loss at home to Club Brugge on Tuesday night. *Daily Mail*

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4. Masango Sipho	4176785	21.10.2018	10h30

#### Tuesday 13 November 2018

VENUE: Siteki

Name of Deceased	Pension.	No. Date of Death	Time
1. Ngcamphalala Mdosho	8008260	29.09.2018	10h00
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VENUE: Pigg's Peak

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1. Dlamini George	2126014	04.10.2018	09h30
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3. Matsebula Enock	518538	12.10.2018	10h30

#### Thursday 15 November 2018

VENUE: Nhlalango

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# UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

## SPURS STILL **ALIVE**, INSISTS KANE

LONDON - Harry Kane believes Tottenham can still make the last 16 of the Champions League after coming to his side's rescue once more in a late turnaround to beat PSV Eindhoven 2-1 on Tuesday.

Mauricio Pochettino's side were only 12 minutes away from being eliminated as they struggled to recover from Luuk de Jong's opener for PSV after 61 seconds at Wembley.

But England captain Kane came to the rescue with a predatory equaliser before heading the crucial last-gasp winner with the aid of a deflection off PSV's Trent Sainsbury.

"We were just on the attack all the time," said Kane. "In the end we managed to take a couple but I think we deserved it."

"We had to dig deep and find another level when it mattered. The whole

season we've been grinding out results here and there.

"Obviously we'd like to be higher up the table in the league and doing better in the Champions League, but we're still fighting."

Spurs still face an uphill task to reach the knockout stage as they need to beat Inter Milan at home in their next Champions League clash and most likely Barcelona away on

December 11.

"It's another game we must win, we want to have the possibility to go to the next stage," said Pochettino, who praised his players' efforts after an arduous run of four games in eight days.

"The team is growing up. In these four games, three victories, we lost to Man City and I think the draw was more the fair result."



**INSISTS:**  
Harry Kane believes they can still make the last 16.

"Pleased of course, we're always trying to improve, but with all the circumstances the team is fighting."  
AFP

### Schalke sink Galatasaray

GELSENKIRCHEN - Schalke have one foot in the Champions League knockout stages after a 2-0 win over Galatasaray at the Veltins-Arena on Tuesday.

Languishing in 14th place in the Bundesliga after ten rounds, pressure had begun to build on coach Domenico Tedesco who put together a stellar first year in charge in 2017-18.

His side were gifted the early lead in the fourth minute after a goalkeeping error. Galatasaray keeper Fernando Muslera attempted to tackle Schalke's Guido Burgstaller on the right edge of the box, despite defender Serdar Aziz appearing to have Burgstaller well under control.

Muslera grasped the ball but released it as he slid outside the penalty area.

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## SA's Tashreeq Matthews signs with German giants

CAPE TOWN - South African youngster Tashreeq Matthews has signed a long-term deal with Bundesliga giants Borussia Dortmund.

The former Ajax Cape Town youth product left the Ikamva-based club in July and has been training with the German giants.

Matthews, who had to wait until his 18th birthday to sign the contract, is the third South African after Delron Buckley and Steven Pienaar to join Dortmund.

Hailing from Hanover Park in the Mother City, Matthews received well wishes from Bafana Bafana greats Benni McCarthy and Pienaar via Instagram.

"Well done Tassie, very happy for you and your family ... make them proud my man! There's real hope for people from Hanover Park now, the second person from Hanover Park to go World Wide," said McCarthy.

Pienaar commented: "Congrats boy want (to) wish you all the best at this Great Football Club."

Matthews made his debut in a 4-0 defeat against Atletico Madrid in a UEFA Youth League encounter on Tuesday.

*Sport24*

# MALULEKE RECOGNISED AS PLAYER OF THE MONTH

JOHANNESBURG - He has for years been one of the most stylish midfielders in the country, and the heart and soul of Polokwane City.

But Jabu Maluleke has had to watch from the sidelines as Bafana Bafana have plunged the depths of despair with regards to World Cup and Afcon qualifying.

Now 36, that Bafana call-up won't become a reality, but it doesn't mean that those magical playmaking skills have disappeared.

In fact, Maluleke is still capable of producing those defence-splitting passes, as well as scoring and delivering perfect crosses from free kicks and corners.

Unbelievably, yesterday marked the day that Maluleke received a Player of the Month Award, for October, for the first time in a 13-year professional career, according to the Premier Soccer League.

Maluleke was alongside his coach, Josef Vukusic, who was chosen as the Coach of the Month for October, at the PSL offices - also the first time that Rise and Shine have won both awards.

Polokwane City are sitting in a handsome fourth position on the



**AWARDED:** Polokwane City coach Josef Vukusic and captain Jabu Maluleke show off their awards. (IOL)

log at the moment, having won five and drawn two out of 10 matches, which has secured 17 points - the same as third-placed Bloemfontein Celtic, who have a better goal difference.

### Judging

"The awards judging panel made up of former players, a former coach, broadcast media and analysts, praised Vukusic for his play-

ers' understanding of his philosophy, for turning the team's fortunes around in a short period and being able to produce good results against well-resourced teams," the PSL said in a statement.

On Maluleke: "The judges singled him out for having a phenomenal work-rate for his age, as well as his brilliant link-up play between defence and attack, includ-

ing his good ball-distribution skills. He provided an assist in City's last league win over Maritzburg United at the end of last month."

They will both receive R5 000 from sponsors ABSA.

The judging panel included Farouk Khan (convenor), Dikgang Mabale, Thabo Kofa, Kwena Moabelo, Joe Nxumalo and Tshepo Maimane. *IOL Sport*

## Zungu apologises for 'disrespectful' Pirates comments

JOHANNESBURG - Bafana Bafana international Bongani Zungu has apologised for the "disrespectful" comments regarding Orlando Pirates after claiming Rhulani Mokwena was the "real boss" at the club.

Zungu issued an apology on his Twitter account saying that he regrets and apologises to those who may

have found his comments insensitive.

Cape Town City head coach Benni McCarthy slammed Zungu's comments towards both Pitso Mosimane and Sredojevic calling for him to show some respect.

Zungu, in a series of tweets, claimed that assistant coach, Mokwena, is the master-mind

behind the scenes at the Buccaneers. After footage showed him dismissing head coach Milutin Sredojevic on the side-line.

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## Pirates jumped over the mental hill - Sredojevic

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic believes his side broke through a psychological barrier by beating Polokwane City for the first time in three years on

the last minute of the contest. As such, Sredojevic was pleased with the performance, especially as it came just three days after beating AmaZulu in a Telkom Knockout quarter-final at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.

Speaking to SuperSport TV after the game, he said: "After the quarter-finals of the Telkom Knockout we came here 72 hours [after] to play the game. We had an imbalanced squad, five of them that were having fresh legs and five of them with the match-fitness from Saturday.

"First half we didn't start well. The opponent was dominating in the first 15 minutes. We were cagey in the first half, limited chances, limited space.

"At halftime we sorted out what we were supposed to sort, to provide the numbers going forward. Scoring that goal, we could wrap up the game, scoring the second goal I'm so happy for [Justin] Shonga, he's so much under pressure. But in the last three games, he assisted three goals and scored one goal. This is extra contribution. "The instructions were clear that we don't defend by sitting back but by possessing the ball. And when you possess, the opponent is rushing to chase the result. You're making mistakes, this is how the corner came and we conceded that goal."

## McCarthy slams Zungu's 'disrespectful' comments

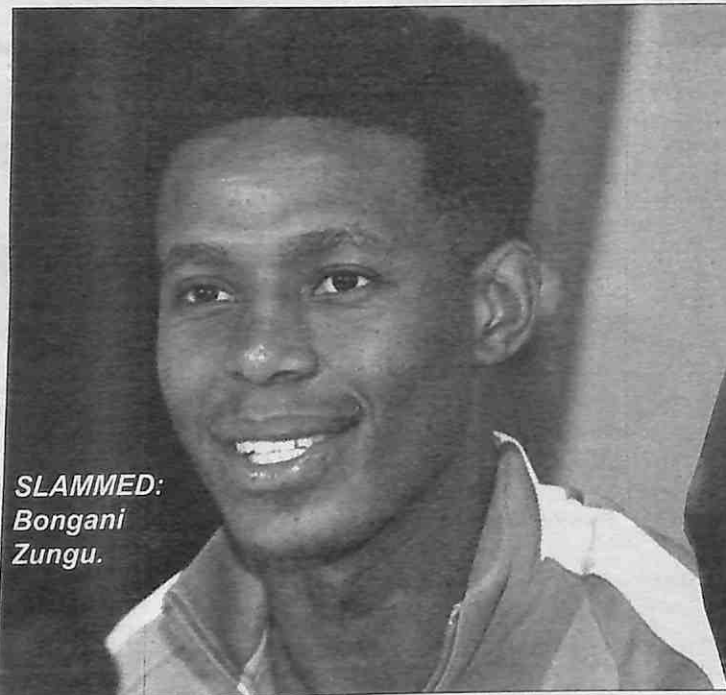
CAPE TOWN - Cape Town City head coach Benni McCarthy has slammed Bongani Zungu's for comments he made claiming Rhulani Mokwena was the "real boss" at Orlando Pirates.

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Pirates ran out 2-1 winners over Polokwane City at the Peter Mokaba Stadium on Tuesday evening, to claim top spot in the ABSA Premiership standings.

McCarthy responded to the 26-year-old Amiens attacker on Twitter, by calling his comments disrespectful to both Mamelodi Sundowns head coach Pitso Mosimane and Sredojevic.

TV footage captured Mokwena dismissing Sredojevic as Pirates



**SLAMMED:** Bongani Zungu.

looked to make an immediate substitution. The former Sundowns attacker, who worked under Mokwena during their time together

at the club, claimed that his former mentor was the actual brains behind both clubs' success.

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**JUMPED OVER:** Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic.

### Tuesday.

The Sea Robbers last defeated City in 2015 before going on a seven-game winless streak against Rise and Shine.

However, they got back to winning ways on Tuesday night at the Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane with goals from Marcelo and Justin Shonga sealing the three Premiership points.

The home side managed a late consolation which came from Ayanda Nkili in





**EYEING:** Unai Emery's Arsenal head into today's clash with Sporting Lisbon at the Emirates bidding for a place in the Europa League knockout stage.

## IN-FORM ARSENAL EYEING EUROPA KNOCKOUT SPOT

**LONDON** - Unai Emery's Arsenal head into today's clash with Sporting Lisbon at the Emirates bidding for a place in the Europa League knockout stage, buoyed by an impressive display in their draw against Premier League title hopefuls Liverpool.

The Gunners are top of Group E having won all three of their matches so far, and have looked revitalised in the early stages of the post-Arsene Wenger era.

A second straight victory over Portuguese giants Sporting would extend their unbeaten run to 15 matches in all competitions.

Back-to-back defeats by Manchester City and Chelsea at the start of the campaign had left some onlookers questioning whether Arsenal could compete with stronger opposition, but close-season signing Bernd Leno said Saturday's performance had proved a point.

"I think we saw that we can play our way against big teams," the German goalkeeper told the club's website.

"We controlled Liverpool. We played out from the back. It was not just lucky or lucky things to create from. We played the ball with passes from behind and that's the way we want to play."

The 2006 Champions League runners-

## MORATA FORM BOOSTS CHELSEA

Chelsea will also book a ticket for the last 32 with victory over BATE Borisov in Belarus, after seeing Alvaro Morata make it five goals in six games in their win over Crystal Palace at the weekend.

Maurizio Sarri's side are unbeaten since a 2-0 Community Shield loss to Man City in August, and have scored 18 goals over their last six outings. They top Group L with nine points and will qualify for the last 32 with a win.

"I have started scoring again for two weeks and now I am happy, the team

plays good and I don't need to think about scoring more goals than other players," Morata told Chelsea's website, after breaking a terrible run of form that saw him net just four times in his previous 31 matches.

Elsewhere today, record five-time winners Sevilla travel to Turkish side Akhisar Genclik Spor looking to strengthen their grip on top spot of Group J, while Gennaro Gattuso's AC Milan travel to Spain hoping to avenge their defeat by Real Betis two weeks ago. **AFP**

up failed to qualify for Europe's top competition in each of Wenger's last two seasons at the helm, but are now in contention to end that run on two fronts.

Leno thinks that Emery's influence has been key to changing the mood around the Emirates Stadium.

"The coach gives us a lot of confidence to play like this," he added.

"I can't compare it because last year I was not here but I think Emery changed

some things — of course, the way we play from behind but also to play very aggressive, the defence is getting better, controlled.

"Tactically, it is one step better than at the beginning of the season because it needs time and it also needs time now in the next weeks. "If we work like this and play like this, we could have a great season." **AFP**

## Dortmund must bounce back against Bayern - Goetze

**BERLIN** - Mario Goetze says German league leaders Borussia Dortmund must put their first defeat of the season behind them and bounce back in Saturday's crunch Bundesliga showdown at home against Bayern Munich.

Atletico Madrid avenged their 4-0 drubbing at Dortmund from a fortnight ago with a 2-0 home victory on Tuesday in the group stages of the Champions League as the Germans suffered their first loss of the 2018/19 season.

Dortmund lead the Bundesliga and have a four-point lead over defending champions Bayern Munich who they host this weekend.

"Losing is a new situation, but we knew it

would be a very intense week with Atletico and Bayern - now we have to bounce back," said Goetze, who replaced striker Paco Alcacer for the last 15 minutes in Madrid.

Goalkeeper Roman Buerki, who has only been beaten 10 times in as many league games this season, said the defeat may have done Dortmund some good.

"Perhaps it's not so bad, that we have come back down to earth after a few weeks when everything was going so well," said Buerki.

Club captain Marco Reus, who has been in great form this season with nine goals and seven assists in 16 games, brushed the defeat off.

"We were not so fresh, Atletico closed down the space, which was very difficult for us, we only found a few ways through," said Reus.

"It was the first defeat, but life goes on."

The defeat in Madrid leaves both Dortmund and Atletico neck-and-neck on nine points in Group A with two matches left.

However, their focus now is on this weekend's Bundesliga showdown as Dortmund look to prove their status as Germany's top side and make amends for their heavy defeat to the Bavarians the last time they met.

Bayern thrashed Dortmund 6-0 in Munich in March, as Robert Lewandowski netted a hat-trick against his former club.

**AFP**



**FORGET THE PAST:** Mario Goetze.

## GUARDIOLA SIGNS CONTRACT BEFORE DEAL ANNOUNCED, DESPITE DENIALS

**MANCHESTER** - Pep Guardiola secretly signed his first contract with Manchester City four months before the official deal was announced, a new report alleges.

In the third of a four-part expose on City by the Football Leaks whistle-blowers, the report in Der Spiegel explains the exact date Guardiola agreed his move. It is claimed that Guardiola had already secured a deal with City just two months into his final season with Bayern Munich, signing a contract on October 10, 2015. The documents, obtained by Der Spiegel, say the Spaniard was guaranteed a payment of £13.5million in his first season with City, and £16.75m in the second. The announcement was then made public on February 1, with then-boss Manuel Pellegrini revealing he would leave the club when his contract expired on June 30, but intriguingly City had previously batted away claims the deal was done.

## 'UCL is already a Super League'

**BARCELONA** - Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde hailed the Champions League's capacity to thrill after his side's electrifying 1-1 draw with Inter Milan on Tuesday, saying there was no need for a European Super League.

With a combined eight European Cup wins between them, the game at the San Siro was the main attraction of Europe's elite competition this week and the fixture certainly lived up to expectations.

Inter captain Mauro Icardi snatched a draw for the Italians with an 87th-minute equaliser after Malcom had given an impressive Barca a late lead

in an end-to-end game.

Barca still qualified for the last 16 of the competition for a 15th consecutive year, while Inter need only draw their next fixture with Tottenham Hotspur to join the Catalans in the knockout stages.

"I have the impression that the Champions League is already a Super League," Valverde told a news conference. "We saw a real spectacle tonight on the pitch and in the stands. These games are top-quality events - tonight's, our game at Wembley (a thrilling 4-2 win over Tottenham Hotspur in October)..." **AFP**



**HAILS:** Barcelona coach Ernesto Valverde.

## Zlatan rules out January return to Premier League

**LOS ANGELES** - Los Angeles Galaxy striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic has ruled out a loan return to the Premier League or any other European club during the January transfer window.

The former Manchester United striker has just completed his first season in Major League Soccer, where he hit 22 goals in 27 matches for the Galaxy.

The 37-year-old has a contract that runs through 2019 but he says he has no interest in following in the footsteps of the likes of David Beckham (Galaxy to AC Milan in '09 and '10), Landon Donovan (Galaxy to Everton in '10 and '12), Robbie Keane (Galaxy to Aston Villa in '12) and Jermain Defoe (Toronto to Tottenham in '14) by signing a short term loan deal.

After LA fell short of making a playoff berth on 28 October, the player is now on a break until the MLS resumes next season.

Speaking to reporters, he said: "If I belong to Galaxy, I am a Galaxy player. I don't go abroad and do these things - loan and this...I don't need that."

"I mean if I belong to one club, I stay in one club. I focus on that club and I give all my attention to that club, so that is not in my mind."

For me to return, I want to be able to challenge for the trophy. I am not here for a vacation. I am here for the challenge.

"I want to feel I have a chance to be the best in MLS - my team, not me, because I am the best. I want to feel my team against the other ones." **AFP**





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# CONGRATS 'MADZE', OUR NEW 'BROOM'

By Dumisani Ntiwane  
(SNSRC Media Officer)

*Shu...Shu...Shukuma Eswatini!*

**GREETINGS** and welcome to yet another edition of your favourite column.

Today we take the opportunity to welcome our new Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs, Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.

Congratulations are in order, sir! Needless to say, we at the Swaziland National Sport and Recreation Council (SNSRC) are overtly proud that a product of our own sports movement in the kingdom has been appointed to head the ministry.

Bulunga is not new to sports in the country having been involved in almost all the levels, as a player/athlete, coach and administrator. Most will remember him as the first Sihlangu coach to bring back home a bronze medal in an international tournament.

#### Commitment

This was during the annual COSAFA Castle Cup a couple of years ago.

It says a lot about the ability and passion of the man. It also says a lot about his dedication, commitment and zeal. Better days could be ahead of local sports.

It will, therefore, be very easy for him to hit the ground running. Our appeal to the stakeholders is that they should give him all the cooperation he requires for him to be able to execute his duties effectively. We all know that he cannot succeed alone but needs everyone to support him.

Worth mentioning is that his predecessor, hon-



**CONGRATS: Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries 'Madze' Bulunga.**

ourable David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala was a hardworking man. We have faith that Bulunga will work even harder.

Indeed, it is often said that a new broom sweeps cleaner; we hope Bulunga will carry out his duties effectively. We believe that there could have been no worthier candidate than him. We are also grateful to the appointing authority for choosing a relatively young man for this ministry that requires a lot of running.

*Bayethe Wena Waphakathi!*

## REGION 5 UNDER-20 GAMES HOPEFULS

**MOST** will recall that early in the year, this column declared 2018 as a year for the youth.

It was not just this column saying this but rather the SNSRC Board.

The youth, we all know, represents the future of our sports. Of course, we need to invest on the youngsters that still have a number of years ahead of them in sports.

They are the ones that will carry on the baton when the current crop of sportsmen passes on the torch. They represent the future. In less than a month, the Kingdom of Eswatini will be sending a team to represent the country in the African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region 5 Under-20 Games, which will be staged in Gaborone, Botswana.

The last games were staged in Angola.

The SNSRC has noted that for the country's athletes to prosper, there is a need to invest heavily in our youth. We are not only talking grassroots development but youth development holistically. Our youth should brace themselves to embrace the many programmes coming their way. The positive is that already the board has sat down with friends from Botswana and South Africa to learn how they transformed themselves into giants in the region where sports results are concerned.

As noted by most, sport is by its nature a show me business and not a tell me business.

Everything about it is practical.

People would rather go to sports venues to celebrate results of practical hard work than listen to stories of who needs to do what.

Days of bickering and complaining are over. We are in an era where transformation will come through blood, sweat, tears and demonstration of a high degree of loyalty and love for our country for our flag.

We are in this thing to transform sport into a viable industry that is able to absorb and reward the thousands of our young people that are unemployed but have the talent to do so. We continue to appreciate government's investment in sport and remain hopeful that resources will be found to further capacitate sports so that we can achieve that noble ambition. The African Union Sports Council Region 5 has set out targets for each of its member states and seeks through the Podium Performance Programme (PPP) to get every Southern African country on the podium for medals in all Games.

In December, as already stated, we will once again be sending a team to represent the country in these games. In the forthcoming weeks, we will be profiling the team members individually, starting in our next column. Please ensure you do not miss these articles as they will be seeking to let our readers know our team members better

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## NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS UPDATE

**EVERYONE** knows by now that the Eswatini National Sports Awards are the ultimate reward programme of sport in the country.

The awards seek to recognise and motivate excellence in sport participation by all sport practitioners.

Following our last article last week, my office has received a number of questions and enquiries with regard the nominating process.

Below, the column will outline the nomination process, as we draw closer to the big day

#### Generic Criteria for Nominees:

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- Have excelled during the considered Awards qualifying period.

on March 30, 2019, which is the tentative date of the awards.

Nominations for each category of the Awards

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "Ideas must work through the brains and arms of good and brave men, or they are no better than dreams" – Ralph Waldo Emerson



# NEDBANK 2018 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PRESENTATION



**WIN KHAKHALAZI:** Com-Gen Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase encourages the teams.



**GOOD JOB:** Themba Sifundza and Mbuso Vilakati were crowned coaches of the season.

**(R) BEST:** Nomfundo 'FUFU' Dlamini takes home her best setter prize.



**WELL DONE:** His Majesty's Correctional Services volleyball teams presenting their trophies and cheques to Commissioner Phindile Dlamini (2nd l) they won this year's Nedbank E50 000 sponsored league during a presentation held at the headquarters.



**CAPTAINS:** Gcwali Dlamini and Sabelo 'Liverpool' Nxumalo holding their trophies and cheque. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



**PROUD MOMENT:** Trevor Sibanda receives his award from Nedbank's Laurence Lolo Mthethwa. Sibanda is this year's players' player of the season as well as the player of the season winner.

**OUTSTANDING:** Temakhonkhosi Mndzebele receives an award from SNSRC Business Manager Zama Tsebdze.



**(L) ALL SMILES:** The HMCS team all smiles during the presentation.



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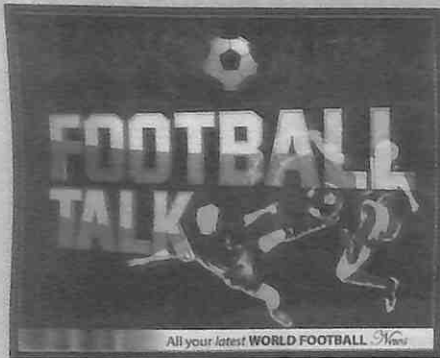
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● Chelsea Manager Maurizio Sarri has blocked a January move from West Ham for England midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek, 22. (*Mirror*)

● Manchester City are monitoring Crystal Palace's right-back Aaron Wan-Bissaka, 20, with the England Under-21 international in fine form. (*Mirror*)



● Meanwhile, Palace are considering making a £10m bid for Arsenal's 27-year-old England striker Danny Welbeck in January. (*Sun*)

● Manchester United and Manchester City target Leon Bailey, 21, said he rejected a move away from Bayer Leverkusen because he didn't want to "rush". (*Manchester Evening News*)

● Tottenham Manager Mauricio Pochettino has told Real Madrid he will not be leaving Spurs, despite being offered £15m a year to take over at the Spanish club. (*Sun*)

● The Football Association's plans for striker Wayne Rooney's farewell appearance for England against the United States are detailed in a 40-page document that is at the centre of the confusion over the 33-year-old's one-off return. (*Mail*)

● Paris St-Germain midfielder Adrien Rabiot, 23, was told to go and sign for Barcelona after negotiations over a new deal broke down in the summer. (*Daily Star, via Paris United*)

● Real Madrid have agreed a deal to sign 20-year-old Argentine midfielder Exequiel Palacios from River Plate. (*TeleMadrid - in Spanish*)



● Bournemouth's 26-year-old striker Callum Wilson's form has put him on Chelsea's radar. (*Mirror*)

● England striker Jamie Vardy, 31, will auction off his Leicester City executive box at the King Power Stadium in aid of the Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha Foundation, while teammate and Denmark goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel, 32, will donate his gloves. (*Leicester Mercury*)

● Leicester City will not play any goal celebration music if they score against Burnley on Saturday in what will be their first home game since the death of their Chairman Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha. (*Times*)

● Manchester City should consider West Ham's Republic of Ireland midfielder Declan Rice, 19, as a replacement for Fernandinho. (*Evening Standard*)

● The official Manchester City supporters' group says it is 'gobsmacked' that Anthony Taylor has been appointed as the referee for the derby against Manchester United on Sunday. Taylor is an Altrincham fan but is from Wythenshawe, a Manchester United stronghold. (*Telegraph*)

# CORRECTIONAL VOLLEYBALL TEAMS GEARING UP FOR ZONE VI GAMES

By Jongile Xuba

**VOLLEYBALL - CORRECTIONAL** Services volleyball teams have shifted their focus to the upcoming Zone VI Club Championships Games to be held in Durban, South Africa, next month.

This comes after both the female and male green and white ensembles were recently crowned the E50 000 Nedbank sponsored league champions in games played at Bosco Skills Centre a fortnight ago.

Showing off their coherence throughout the season, the teams maintained their clean sheet even in the league where they played all the games unbeaten and for their gallant performance, they were decorated with E6 000 plus a glamorous trophy and gold medals each.

## Successes

Essentially, by virtue of being champions of the league, their successes have guaranteed them participation in the regional games to be competed for by over 20 teams from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states namely: Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa, amongst other countries. Speaking on behalf of the Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, Commissioner Luke Malindzisa threw a challenge to the two sets of players, advising them to work hard extra since they were now going to face tough opposition who oozed more experience in this game. He cautioned them against complacency and basking in the glory of the past achievements as this would limit them from preparing well for the upcoming tough assignment. He further congratulated the teams for their great exploit which has seen them dominate their counterparts in the local league. "This has not only helped the players grow in their



**WELL DONE:** His Majesty's Correctional Services volleyball teams presenting their trophies and cheques to Commissioner Phindile Dlamini. The teams won in this year's Nedbank E50 000 sponsored league. The presentation was held at Mbabane Correctional Headquarters. (Pic: Jongile Xuba)

game but also been a good marketing tool for the department". Ntshangase then advised the teams to maintain courage and strive for excellence at all times as both teams boast of young and talented players who can be assets to the country.

"The players are still young and have shown character inside the field of play, hence the impressive results. We are hopeful that you will represent not only the department but the country well in the upcoming regional games. We are aware that you will face stiff competition from the opposition but we are behind you all the way and expect-

ing you to play at your utmost best," he said.

The awards are as follows:

## Males:

**Champions:** E6 000 + gold medals+trophy  
**Males Coach of the Year -** Themba Sifundza  
**Player's Player of the Year -** Trevor Sibanda  
**Player of the Year -** Trevor Sibanda

## Females:

**Champions:** E6 000 + trophy+ gold medals  
**Coach of the Year -** Mbuso 'Pampeta' Vilakati  
**Player of the Year -** Nomfundo 'Fufu' Dlamini  
**Best up-coming Player -** Temakhonkhosi Mndzebele

## OLYMPAFRICA TOP WOMEN'S LEAGUE LOG

By Jongile Xuba

**SOCCER - AFTER** the first round of games in the Women's Football League, OlympAfrica are top of the table after a dominant display over the weekend.

This was after a number of games played at different venues as the new season got underway. Lobamba based outfit OlympAfrica is level on points with seven other teams with three points, but have a superior goal difference.

They are followed by Sikhuphe, who have also scored seven goals and conceded none. Elangeni complete the top three bracket as they scored five goals in their opening fixture. Roses are sitting at

the bottom of the log followed by Green Mamba and Mbekelweni after they lost their opening matches by big margins. The next round of fixtures would be staged this weekend as teams will look to improve on the log.

Women's Football fixtures:

Saturday at Correctional			
Kappa Ladies	vs	G. Mamba	1:30pm
M.Wanderers	vs	M.Swallows	3:30pm
Saturday at Lobamba			
S.Roses	vs	Happy Girls	11am
Mbekelweni	vs	S.Divis	1pm
Y.Buffaloes	vs	Mhlume	3pm
Sunday at Mayaluka Stadium			
Illovo FC	vs	OlympAfrica	1pm
At Siteki			
Siteki Ladies	vs	Elangeni FC	1pm

Sunday at Ntandweni Sports Ground  
Sikhuphe vs Royal Leopards 1pm

Women's Football log 2018/19

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1.	OlympAfrica	1	1	0	0	7	0	7	3
2.	Sikhuphe	1	1	0	0	7	0	7	3
3.	Elangeni	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
4.	Siteki	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	3
5.	S. Divis	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
6.	R. Leopard	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
7.	Kappa Ladies	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
8.	Y. Buffaloes	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
9.	M. Wanderers	1	0	0	1	0	-1	-1	0
10.	M. Swallows	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
11.	Happy Girls	1	0	0	1	0	0	-2	0
12.	Mhlume Ladies	1	0	0	1	2	-5	-3	0
13.	Illovo	1	0	0	1	0	-3	-3	0
14.	Mbekelweni	1	0	0	1	0	-5	-5	0
15.	G. Mamba	1	0	0	1	0	-7	-7	0
16.	S. Roses	1	0	0	1	0	-7	-7	0

## Perfect start for three teams in Dixies Darts League

By Jongile Xuba

**DARTS - THE** Dixies International Darts League has returned and three teams got off to winning starts.

Correctional, Malkerns and Ubombo Sugar won all their games during the opening fixtures. Correctional dispatched new boys Remnants and Umjovo with convincing scores.

Malkerns Darts Club made light work of RSSC before beating Scara. Sugar belt side Ubombo Sugar also got the better of Scara, winning 22-1 and again brushed aside RSSC in the sugar belt derby. The results mean Ubombo Sugar sit at the

top of the log table followed by Malkerns while Correctional occupy the third spot.

Eswatini National Darts Association (ENDA) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Bafana Nkambule said the opening fixtures went well. "We are grateful that the league has finally kicked off as it started on a high note. We thank all our stakeholders for ensuring the games took place without a hitch."

Nkambule further thanked the teams for their cooperation despite the challenges faced by the association. "It is worth mentioning that the response from teams has been overwhelming while we worked on venue issues. We would like to thank them for working with us well," said Nkambule. The PRO then had a message from

DIXIES INTERNATIONAL DARTS LEAGUE LOG:

	P	W	D	L	IF	LA	ID	PS
1. Ubombo Sugar	2	2	0	0	42	4	38	6
2. Malkerns Darts Club	2	2	0	0	40	8	32	6
3. Correctional	2	2	0	0	36	10	26	6
4. Ecovater	2	1	1	0	25	12	13	4
5. Luswebu	1	0	1	0	12	12	0	1
6. Correctional B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Klowatts A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Klowatts B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9. Railway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. REPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Smesh n Bonz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Umilo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Umjovo	1	0	0	1	8	15	-7	0
14. ESRIC	1	0	0	1	0	13	-13	0
15. Remnants	1	0	0	1	2	21	-19	0
16. RSSC	2	0	0	2	6	41	-35	0
17. Scara	2	0	0	2	6	41	-35	0

the association to the new minister of sports.

"As a sporting code, we would like to congratulate Minister Harries 'Madze' Bulunga for his appointment to the ministry of sports, culture and youth affairs. We wish him the best as he serves the various sports disciplines during his tenure," said the PRO.



# 'LANDERS PEOPLE STILL LOVE ME - 'RUBBER'

By Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCER - FORMER Mbabane Highlanders boss Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane said he was flattered by the affection shown by Mbabane Highlanders people last Sunday at Mhlume's Nsukuwansuku Stadium.**

Simelane, now elite league newcomers Mbabane Citizens Chairman, received a warm welcome and best wishes from members of his former management committee at the 'Black Bull' and supporters alike as he watched with keen interest his side grind out a crucial 1-all draw against Manzini Sundowns while standing among the crowd.

Ditched after reclaiming their elite league status four seasons ago by Highlanders, Simelane's Citizens will face the 'Black Bull' on Saturday at Somhlolo National Stadium in a double-header dose that will also see Vovovo clash

with Manzini Wanderers.

In nasty scenes of October 2016, Simelane, then Managing Director of Highlanders, was whisked out of Somhlolo National Stadium in a police casspir as fans bayed for his blood after an MTN League defeat to Royal Leopard with the businessman resigning from his position the following day, just three years into his five-year initial contract.

"Last Sunday I realised that



**LOVED: Former Mbabane Highlanders boss Bheki 'Rubber' Simelane.**

MTN PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURE			
Saturday			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Vovovo	vs Wanderers	2pm	
Mbabane Citizens	vs Highlanders	4pm	
Mayaluka Stadium			
Tambuti	vs Royal Leopard	3pm	
Mavuso Sports Centre			
Manzini Sea Birds	vs Moneni Pirates	2pm	
Young Buffaloes	vs M Sundowns	4pm	
Sunday			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Green Mamba	vs Malanti Chiefs	1.30pm	
Mbabane Swallows	vs Matsapha Utd	3.30pm	

MTN FIRST DIVISION FIXTURE			
Tomorrow			
Somhlolo National Stadium			
Tinyosi	vs City Warriors	6:30pm	
Milling Hotspurs	vs Red Lions	8:30pm	
Mayaluka Stadium			
Madlenya	vs Black Swallows	8.30pm	
Saturday			
Tambankulu Stadium			
Tambankulu Calies	vs Seven Dreams	3pm	
King Sobhuza II Memorial Stadium			
Hlathikulu Tycoons	vs Hub Sundowns	3pm	
Sunday			
Prince of Wales Ground			
Mbabane City	vs Rangers	3pm	

Highlanders people love me. I could tell by the affection they showed when they spotted me in Mhlume, some even getting close for hugs. But then football is a business now. The affection however will change at least for the 90 minutes of play, and happy to meet them. I hope the coaches and players will do everything to win this match," Simelane said yesterday in an interview.

"This is going to be a big one with a lot of memories. When your team plays a team you revived and they (Highlanders) know your strong points it's difficult sometimes. That's what makes this fixture exciting and

very special to me," he added.

In week nine MTN League fixture released by the Premier League of Eswatini (PLE) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Simanga Nhleko, run-away log leaders Green Mamba have a date with Malanti Chiefs with defending champions Mbabane Swallows welcoming Matsapha United at Somhlolo on Sunday. Another interesting pairing is that of Young Buffaloes and resurgent Manzini Sundowns scheduled for Mavuso Sports Centre on Saturday.

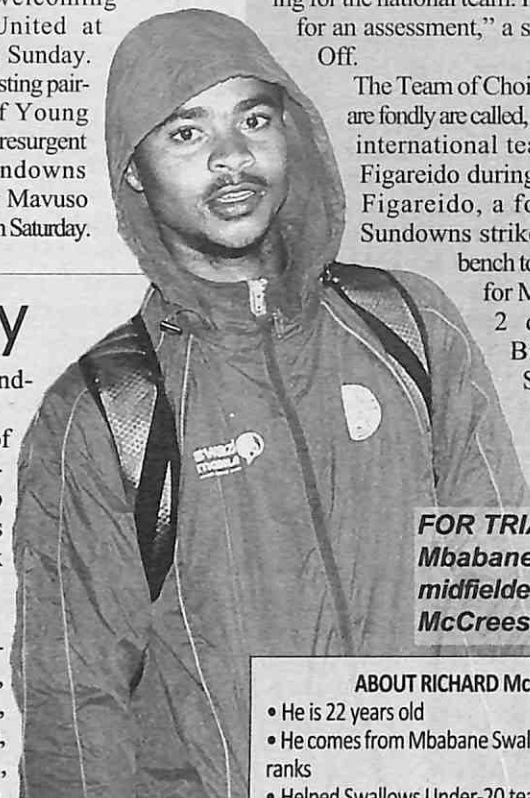
## McCreesh for SA Maritzburg trial

By Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCER - BARELY two days after Mbabane Swallows striker Aladeon Kola was invited by Zambian giants Zesco United for a trial, cool as a cucumber midfielder Richard McCreesh has attracted interest from South Africa's PSL side Maritzburg United.**

In a report carried by that country's leading soccer magazine Kick-Off, McCreesh is wanted by the Premier Soccer League side following impressive performances in the Total CAF Champions League for Swallows. Maritzburg reportedly sent its officials to watch the midfielder during Sihlangu's home Africa Cup of Nations qualifier match against Tunisia back in August and did not disappoint after replacing Siboniso 'Gaxa' Ngwenya who was stretched off with a back injury. "The club has made enquiries about McCreesh. They travelled all way to watch him playing for the national team. He is due to arrive for an assessment," a source told Kick-Off.

The Team of Choice, as Maritzburg are fondly called, signed McCreesh's international teammate Justice Figueido during the off-season. Figueido, a former Manzini Sundowns striker, came off the bench to reduce the deficit for Maritzburg in a 1-2 defeat against Bidvest Wits last Saturday in a Telkom Knockout fixture.



**FOR TRIALS: Mbabane Swallows midfielder Richard McCreesh.**

### ABOUT RICHARD MCCREESH

- He is 22 years old
- He comes from Mbabane Swallows development ranks
- Helped Swallows Under-20 team win the Charity Cup and SwaziBank Cup three years ago
- His sublime performances with the junior teams earned him a promotion to the senior team
- After struggling in the first season, McCreesh has consistently shown glimpses of the great player he is after getting playing time
- His form with Swallows won him a call-up to the senior national team Sihlangu this year

## Manda wins as 'DU' Makhanya watches keenly

By Sabelo Gwebu

Sundowns..... (0)1  
Pirates..... (0)0

**SOCCER - FORMER Green Mamba coach Dumisani 'DU' Makhanya watched with keen interest at the Mavuso Sports Centre VIP box in the company of Manzini Sundowns boss Mark Carmichael to give the biggest indicator so far he might be joining the 'Kappa Kappa' side's technical bench.**

Possibly as assistant to under-fire Charles Manda as Sundowns reasonably seek more fresh ideas to at least bag their first trophy since winning the Eswatini Telecom Charity Cup back-to-back in 2011 and 2012.

Recently, Sundowns relieved team legend Nyama Shongwe off his assistant coach duties.

With no goals in the opening 45 minutes, Sundowns' youthful forward Phumlani Mtsetfwa should have done better when he found himself unmarked at the far post but sent his shot straight at the welcoming hands of Siyabonga Zwane. On the other end, flying winger Lwazi 'Shumi' Mamba had a low dangerous looking cross go begging as fellow forwards were slow as tortoises to react.

While Sundowns started the second stanza brightly with better movements in the final third, it was Pirates who forced possibly the biggest save of the night as defender Samkelo Ginindza's humdinger from just outside the big box was turned around the far post acro-

batically so by Lwethu Simelane for a fruitless corner after 65 minutes.

A minute later, Sundowns finally broke the deadlock with Phumlani threading a defence splitting pass for Sibonginkosi Dlamini. Sibonginkosi was lucky here. Instead of finishing first time, he waited for the defender to recover but with the help of a big deflection from Thabo Vilakati, he found the back of the net.

For a moment after this goal, the frustration on Manda's face was visible. Lately, his side has a habit of allowing opponents back to games they could easily wrap up.

The remaining minutes were a familiar movie he knew as Pirates threw men forward search for an equaliser.

The Malawian feared for the worse

and understandably so.

At the end of the day, in a slippery Mavuso pitch, Sundowns won this six pointer clash.

### TEAMS:

**Sundowns** - Lwethu, 'Skhokho', Sandile, Pemba, Mkhuleko, Mfundo, Linda, Kangumbu, Mtsetfwa (Mkhonta), Sibonginkosi, 'Spoko' (Mzileni)

**Pirates** - Siyabonga, Thabo, Mthunzi, Samkelo, Mdlovu, 'Rocco', Mbongeni, Zombodze (Nkosi), Bonkhe ('Magawugawu'), 'Shumi', 'Smoothies'.

## BURUNDI REFEREES FOR U-23s/ MOZA CLASH

By Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCER - WITH Eswatini's preparations for next Friday's 2019 Africa U-23 Cup of Nations qualifier match as quiet as a mouse, CAF has appointed Burundian referees for the first leg clash against Mozambique.**

Royal Leopard Technical Director Sifiso 'Nuro' Ntibané is expected to lead the local contingent to Maputo next week with the aim of drawing first blood, ahead of Tuesday November 20 return leg at Mavuso Sports Centre.

Egypt will host the third edition of the Africa U-23 Cup of Nations, the quadrennial international age-restricted football championship organised

by the Confederation of African Football (CAF) for the men's under-23 national teams of Africa from 8-22 November 2019.

The tournament will determine which three African teams will compete at the 2020 Summer Olympics men's football tournament in Japan.

CAF announced Burundian match officials Georges Gatogato, Shabani Niyungeko and Pascal Ndimunzigo for the match scheduled for Estadio Nacional do Zimpeto next Friday in a 6pm kick-off. For the return leg at Mavuso

Sports Centre, match officials will come from Botswana.

Players born on or after 1 January 1997 are eligible to compete in the tournament.



The tournament was founded in 2011. On 6 August 2015, the CAF Executive Committee decided to change the name of the tournament from the CAF U-23 Championship to the Africa U-23 Cup of Nations, similar to the senior's version, Africa Cup of Nations.

Sihlangwana will go through three qualifying stages that will involve

### 2019 AFRICA U-23 CUP OF NATIONS

Friday, November 16, 2018

Estadio Nacional do Zimpeto, Maputo

Mozambique vs Eswatini 6pm

Referees: Georges Gatogato (BDI) - Shabani

Niyungeko (BDI) - Pascal Ndimunzigo (BDI)

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mavuso Sports Centre, Manzini

Eswatini vs Mozambique 3pm

Referees: Tirelo Mositwane (BOT) - Mogomotsi

Morakile (BOT) - Kitso Madondo Sibanda (BOT)

### REST OF PRELIMINARY ROUND DRAW

Angola	vs	Namibia
Botswana	vs	Malawi
Burundi	vs	Tanzania
Ghana	vs	Togo
Guinea-Bissau	vs	São Tomé and Príncipe
Cameroon	vs	Chad
Uganda	vs	South Sudan
Burkina Faso	vs	Niger
Mauritania	vs	Equatorial Guinea
Seychelles	vs	Sudan
Kenya	vs	Mauritius
Libya	vs	Gambia
Ethiopia	vs	Somalia
Rwanda	vs	DR Congo

three rounds with 30 teams beginning their campaign in two-legged encounters. Thirteen have been given a bye and will join in the second phase of the qualifying rounds.

Only eight teams will qualify for the final tournament which will also act as part of the qualifiers for the football at the 2020 Summer Olympics to be held in Tokyo.



## RESULTS:

### PLAYED YEASTERDAY

#### ABSA PREMIERSHIP

Kaizer Chiefs	1-0	Black Leopards
Mamelodi Sundowns	3-1	Free State Stars

#### UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

CSKA Moscow	1-2	Roma
Valencia	3-1	Young Boys

## WESLIANS, 'BUFFS' SHARE THE SPOILS

By Jongile Xuba

Young Buffaloes..... (0)1  
Manzini Wanderers..... (1)1

**SOCCER**—ARMY side Young Buffaloes came from a goal down to force a 1-all draw against Manzini wanderers.

This was during an MTN Premier League match played under flood lights at Somhlolo National Stadium. This was a fast flowing encounter where Wanderers took the initiative early and converted from the sport to make it 1-0.

Mfan'fikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze scored from a penalty spot kick with 15 minutes into the game after a Wanderers player Mcebo Mdluli was fouled inside the box.

Soon after this goal Buffaloes tried to force an equaliser as they pushed numbers forward but it was not to be as they could not create clear cut chances. Both teams failed to make meaningful chances until the referee blew his whistle to end the first half with Wanderers leading 1-0.

The second half was more action-packed as Buffaloes came out guns blazing, threatening the opposition with counter attacks.

#### Failed

'Buff's Fanelo 'Order' Mamba had the best chance early in the second stanza to level matters but failed to beat Weslian goal keeper Romanus Igidimba. The keeper could have won the man of the match award after making a number of great saves that kept his team in the game.

Buffaloes continued to pile pressure but the keeper was equal to the task as he kept the army side at bay. The pressure would eventually tell in the 70th minute after Sandile Gamedze found the back of the net from a set piece to make it 1-1. This was the second goal in as many games for the player after he latched on to a floating cross. Wanderers tried to press on but could not find the all-important winner after added time.

#### THE TEAMS:

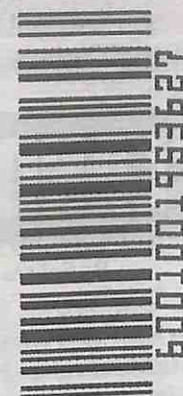
**YOUNG BUFFALOES:** Nhlanhla, Lindo, Wandile, Sibonelo, Siboniso M, Siboniso N, Sandile, Lindani, Ndoda, Banele, Fanelo

**WANDERERS:** Romanus, Sihle, Menzi, Jose, Makhosi, Lwazi, Sicelo, Mancoba, Fash, Mcebo, Mike

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### GREEN MAMBA WINNING STREAK BROUGHT TO HALT:

# BULL-DOZING LANDERS GORE GREEN MAMBA

By Sabelo Gwebu

Green Mamba..... (1)1  
Highlanders..... (2)2

#### SOCCER—ALL good things come to an end.

A spirited, fired-up, determined and gallant Mbabane Highlanders ended Green Mamba's eight league game unbeaten run last night in a pulsating MTN League encounter played at Mavuso Sports Centre.

The result threw the league race wide open as Highlanders fans danced like no body's business way before referee Thulani Sibandze blew his final whistle.

Finally Highlanders played like the pre league favourites many have known following a busy and clever transfer window business. They played as if their lives depended on the outcome of the match.

The capital city giants opened the floodgates with five minutes in highly charged encounter through Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze. Thabiso Mokenkoane threaded a neat pass to an on rushing 'Sawa' with the 'Bull' man of the moment sending a dummy to a sliding Sanele Tshawuke before slotting past Thokozani Mkhulisi for his fifth goal of the MTN League campaign.

Two minutes after the half hour mark, 'Sawa' was brought down inside the big box, needlessly so by Green Mamba right back Thabo Mngometulu.

Mokenkoane stepped up, sending Mkhulisi the wrong direction to not only double the 'Bull's' advantage but also provoking untold scenes of jubilation on the about 1 000 Highlanders fans who braved the chilly weather conditions. They

'Sawa', Mokenkoane on target for Highlanders while Mamba's Thabiso Gumbi's stunner fails to inspire comeback in heated MTN League affair



#### TEAMS:

**GREEN MAMBA:** Mkhulisi, Thabo ('Phindrix'), Gumbi, Tshawuke, 'Makonose', Khetho, Njabulo, Mcolisi, 'Xavi', Musa, Oladele ('Banny')

**HIGHLANDERS:** Khanyakwezwe, Peter, Sibonelo, Vusi (Menzi), Jimoh, 'Mlaba', 'Chocco' (Mthobisi), Zungu, Thabiso, 'Nkola' (Sithole), 'Sawa'

#### RESULTS:

Sundowns	1-0	Moneni Pirates
Green Mamba	1-2	Highlanders
Vovovo	1-1	Citizens
Young Buffaloes	1-1	Wanderers

#### MTN PREMIER LEAGUE LOG

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Green Mamba	9	8	0	1	21	5	16	24
Highlanders	9	5	3	1	13	10	3	18
Leopard	8	5	2	1	15	5	10	17
Buffaloes	9	5	2	2	11	7	4	17
Swallows	9	5	2	2	11	8	3	17
Sundowns	9	4	3	2	13	9	4	15
Pirates	9	3	3	3	9	9	0	12
Tambuti	9	2	3	4	9	10	-1	9
Malanti	9	2	3	4	7	14	-7	9
Wanderers	9	2	2	5	11	14	-3	8
Vovovo	9	1	4	4	6	11	-5	7
Citizens	9	1	4	4	8	15	-7	7
Sea Birds	9	1	3	5	8	15	-7	6
Matsapha	8	1	0	7	3	14	-11	3

were on cloud nine.

It was the South African striker's fourth strike of the MTN season.

Four minutes before the breather, Green Mamba reduced the deficit with a thunderous Thabiso

Gumbi free kick from 30 yards out.

With Green Mamba throwing more bodies forward in the last half, goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe was equal to the task as Highlanders travelled back to Mbabane with all points.

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