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GOVT OWES UNISWA, STUDENTS' RESULTS WITHHELD

By Sifiso Nhlabatsi
Manzini

GOVERNMENT-sponsored students were shocked last Friday when they were denied access to their results at the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) because of owed fees.

The students were of the view that since they received their allowances,

it followed their tuition fees were fully settled by government.

They only learnt on Friday that government had not paid their fees and it owes UNISWA money in millions of Emalangeni.

UNISWA Registrar Dr Salebona Simelane made it clear when asked on what would happen to those students who were government-sponsored and had not paid their tuition

fees. Simelane said it did not matter whether a student was self-sponsored or sponsored by government.

The registrar said the university would exercise the same measure across the board and would not be lenient with any party, whether government sponsored or not.

Simelane said no one would be getting results until he or she had paid the fees.

The registrar stated that if someone wanted to get his or her results an offer must be made. He said the university needed money for its day to day operations. Students have not taken kindly in having their results withheld by the university.

Some students immediately vented their anger on social networks after they were informed that they will not be given their results due to fees owed

to the university.

The students stated that they did not understand how they owed fees when it was government who was paying.

The frustrated students stated that they did not understand why it was said they owed fees when they received their allowances.

Simelane, however, made it clear that government owed the institution huge sums of money.

MINISTER ADVISES EMASWATI TO GRAB AGOA OPPORTUNITIES

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

MINISTER for Labour and Social Security Winnie Magagula implores Emaswati to grab the opportunities that come with the country's re-admission to AGOA.

Magagula was speaking on Friday after it was reported that Eswatini would be allowed to be one of the countries to freely trade under the AGOA programme. The country would start exporting its products, duty-free, to the United States of America (USA) tomorrow, according to the reports.

Economy

The minister said since the country was admitted to trade under this programme, the real economic activity was about to start.

She advised Emaswati to grab this opportunity with both hands because this came with good opportunities to turn around the economy of the country.

She further advised Emaswati to stop thinking about this opportunity as open only for the textile industry because other industries could also benefit from this trade programme.

"We advise Emaswati to consult the

...We advise Emaswati to consult the ministry of commerce, industry and trade to find out about other products that are wanted in the USA, which can be exported freely into that country

ministry of commerce, industry and trade to find out about other products that are wanted in the USA, which can be exported freely into that country," Magagula said.

The minister further called upon women to also take part in this trade deal because it presented opportunities to them.

Farmers

She called upon those in the handcraft industry, to also seek assistance from the ministry so they could also position themselves for the benefits that come with AGOA.

"What is good about this is that the money that is generated from the sale of the handcraft products directly comes back to the indigenous Liswati who has produced the product," she said.

She also called upon farmers to take advantage of this opportunity because their products were also needed in America.

The minister emphasised on cooperation as Emaswati worked on selling their products through this platform.

The money they could get from this programme could help in developing their areas where they produced their

products.

Impact

The youth, according to the minister, should also take advantage of this opportunity. They should also approach the commerce ministry to find out how they could benefit from this trade agreement.

"Our youth is educated and they have the skills to produce, but unemployment is the problem. We need to encourage our youth to make use of AGOA to directly benefit, instead of waiting for employment opportunities to present themselves," the minister said.

Magagula called upon Emaswati to ensure that healthy labour relations were maintained in order for the country to take advantage of the programme for a very long time to come. The minister said this could last for a period of about 15 years and by that time, the AGOA programme would have made a huge positive impact to the economy of Eswatini.

'Govt should teach us about AGOA'

GOVERNMENT should go to the regions and teach Emaswati about the benefits of AGOA.

This was said by Federation of Swaziland Business Community (FSBC) President Tum du Pont.

He said government should take note of the fact that Emaswati were not knowledgeable about the benefits that were presented by AGOA to Emaswati.

Du Pont praised Minister for Commerce, Industry and Trade Jabulani Mabuza and Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) for taking it upon themselves to teach Emaswati on AGOA.

"We praise the minister together with SIPA for assuring us that they will start going to all the regions of the country, teaching Emaswati on the benefits of this trade programme, because we are not well taught on this programme," du Pont said.

Mabuza, together with SIPA, are reported to have assured the nation that they would teach them about AGOA opportunities in the regions. They are said to have made this

announcement on Thursday last week during the launch of Intifonga Yemaswati, an investment company that was launched at the Royal Villas in Ezulwini.

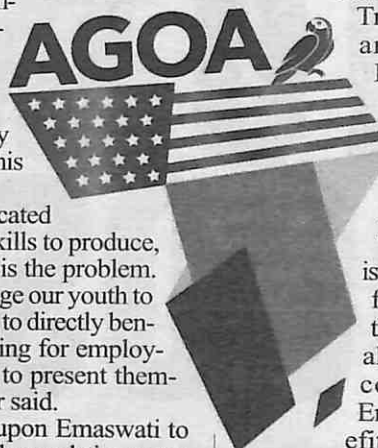
The president said it was important for local business people to know how they would benefit from AGOA.

He said local business people were concerned about the economy of the country, and wanted to play a part in improving the economy for the betterment of the lives of Emaswati. He called upon the ministry of commerce, industry and trade to speed up the process of explaining the meaning of AGOA to Emaswati, and what role they could play in trading on this platform.

Du Pont said a lot of noise had been made about this platform, with many people claiming that they made a meaningful contribution than others in terms of AGOA re-admission.

He said that should be a thing of the past and the focus should be on how Emaswati could benefit from this agreement.

He said currently, people thought of AGOA as a programme that helped only the people trading in the textile industry, yet many products could be traded under the AGOA programme.



'Ritual killers' pounce on Rambo-wielding man

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A 38-year-old athletic man of Maphungwane found himself screaming for his life while bolting faster than lightning, with three men who are believed to have been ritual killers in hot pursuit.

Theminkosi Matsenjwa had a Rambo knife in his hand as a self-defence precaution, but he forgot he had same until he reached home with one sneaker missing.

The incident, which has left the community with revived fears of ritual killers, is said to have happened in the early hours of yesterday.

Narrating the incident to this publication, Matsenjwa said it was around 4am when he came across a dark coloured sedan along the main road, between Tingodweni and KaNtuli area.

He was returning from spending a night at his girlfriend's parental home-

stead which is situated near Tingodweni area. The vehicle was parked in the middle of the gravel road.

Having heard many stories about alleged kidnappers preying in the area for the past few weeks, Matsenjwa said he withdrew his Rambo knife from the pocket, preparing to defend himself in case he was attacked.

Matsenjwa claimed to have walked closer to the vehicle with the intention of identifying it, and possibly identify the occupants. However, he was unable to identify neither the vehicle nor its occupants.

"It was still very dark at the time and the vehicle was covered with mist on the windows. In fact, the vehicle seemed to have been

abandoned in the middle of the road," he said. Matsenjwa said, however, he then heard a sound signalling that two doors of the vehicle were opening and closing simultaneously just when he was about 10 metres away from it. In the midst of that confusion, a second vehicle suddenly appeared a few metres

ahead, and switched on its headlamps.

At this moment, he was in the middle of two vehicles which were about 30 metres apart.

"The last thing I remember, I was in full sprint, running through dried maize fields which are situated along the road, and I could hear some footsteps charging towards me," Matsenjwa claimed.

Matsenjwa said he attempted to run into a nearby homestead but had to run past it after nobody responded to his cry for help. "Ngiyihlabile inyandzaleyo kepha angati noma ukhona yini lophumile ngoba bengibekelenjalo nge-matubane netigi ngitiva ngemuva kwami," he said, meaning, "I called for help but I am not sure if anyone responded as I kept running while the men were in pursuit". Matsenjwa said when he reached home, he realised that one of his sneakers went off and got lost along the way.

Meanwhile, the area has been gripped by fear of alleged ritual killers for the past few months. About three weeks ago, residents of the area convened a prayer against kidnappers and ritual killers. This was after reports that some questionable vehicles were roaming the area, especially during the night.

"You'll Never Walk Alone"



LONG WALK: A lady with only one sandal walks on her way back home covered with a blanket in a bid to fight the cold at Maguga area yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane**FORECASTERS have predicted a cold to warm week.**
According to a weather forecast**EXPECT A COLD TO WARM WEEK**sourced from the internet, the week will start cold and end warm.
"Today there will morning fog at places, otherwise partly cloudy andmild but cold mainly in the Highveld," reads the forecast.
Temperatures will reach a maximum of 18 Degrees Celsius in the

Highveld and a maximum of 24 Degrees Celsius in the Lowveld. The temperatures are expected to slightly rise tomorrow.

Tomorrow and Wednesday, it will be fine and warm.

On Thursday, forecasters predicted a fine weather but it would be windy at times.

Chances of rain remain low throughout the week.

UPROAR AS OVER 1 000 ZCCs FROM ZIM COMING TO SIPHOCOSINI**...Residents of Siphocosini expressed concern over the motive of the ZCCs. They wanted to know why this church chose to pray in Siphocosini, out of all communities**By Mbono Mdluli
Siphocosini**COVER STORY****FEAR has gripped residents of Siphocosini after being told that over 1 000 Zion Christian Church (ZCC) members from Zimbabwe are coming to the area on Friday.**

This transpired on Saturday during a special community meeting held at Siphocosini Umphakatsi.

The ZCCs are expected to hold a big prayer at Siphocosini Sports Ground from Friday until Sunday.

Meetings

More than 1 000 members of the church are expected to be at the community.

Siphocosini Indvuna Sikakadza

**IN THE AIR: Over 1 000 Zion Christian Church (ZCC) members from Zimbabwe are coming to Siphocosini on Friday.**

Matsebula introduced the topic during the meeting to be discussed by the Siphocosini residents.

However, Matsebula stated that he

was not that well versed on such issues because they were deliberated upon by local church leaders.

Bongani Dube, who represented the

church leaders, stated that they were once approached by the ZCC leaders.

Community

The reason they were approached was because this religious organisation had its members in Siphocosini. They want to pay a visit to the members of the church and a courtesy call on Prince Jabhane, who is the area's chief.

Dube, whose presentation was disturbed by mumbling and grumbling residents, said the ZCCs had already gone to see if they could be able to hold their prayer session at the Royal Kraal (Umphakatsi). However, they found that the chief's residential place was too small to accommodate the throngs of ZCCs expected in the community.

He said the religious organisation was coming with many people from

Zimbabwe, so they saw it fit that they should allow them the use of the Siphocosini Sports Ground.

Dube, who is the former constituency councillor for Siphocosini, told the residents that the ZCCs would make a lot of noise along the MR19 public road. The noise would come in the form of music and other instruments that would be played by their members.

This would be a way to let Siphocosini know that they were now in the community and people were free to come and join them for prayer, regardless of whether they were members of the ZCC or not.

He also mentioned that the ZCCs wanted the chief to eventually introduce them to His Majesty King Mswati III, if possible.

Residents of Siphocosini expressed concern over the motive of the ZCCs. They wanted to know why this church chose to pray in Siphocosini, out of all communities.

They were also concerned about their safety as they were afraid that they could find themselves having problems after the ZCCs had left the community.

However, the fears were allayed as they were made to believe that the ZCCs were part of the Christian community and their intention was to preach the Word of God in Siphocosini.

FREE SWAZI MOBILE CALLS FROM 6PM TO 6AMStories by Observer Reporter
Mbabane**IN an unprecedented move, Swazi Mobile has gifted its customers with free calls for three months.**

This effectively means Swazi Mobile users will enjoy unlimited night calls as part of the company's first year anniversary. July is the month when the First World Network officially began operations in Eswatini and changed the telecoms landscape in the country.

In celebration of this milestone, Swazi Mobile is offering their loyal customers unlimited calls to other Swazi Mobile numbers from 6pm to 6am every day for the next three months.

This promotion is expected to end on

September 30th, giving customers three full months of communication bliss through voice calls.

Revealing the good news, Swazi Mobile Communications Manager Nosipho Shongwe said this was in line with the company's mandate to make its customers happy. "Our core mandate as Swazi Mobile is to connect families and strengthen family bonds through the platform of voice calls keeping in mind at all times our slogan; 'we work, we connect, we serve.' As part of the celebrations planned for our birthday month, Swazi Mobile intends to interact with as many customers as possible and have them part of this major milestone. The offer is available to all customers that load a minimum of E5 airtime," she said.

Shongwe said this was one of many other ways that the company would be giving back to its customers for believing and supporting the company.

"This is one of the ways that the red brand will be giving back to its loyal consumers.

When we launched Swazi Mobile a year ago, we had projected to connect over 100 000 Emaswati and we have surpassed that figure by far. This was possible because of the overwhelming support that we received from Emaswati who utilise Swazi Mobile products daily," she said.

**swazi
mobile****... "Our core mandate as Swazi Mobile is to connect families and strengthen family bonds through the platform of voice calls keeping in mind at all times our slogan; 'we work, we connect, we serve.'****...Introduces contract package for everyone****AS part of their celebratory packages, Swazi Mobile has introduced a contract package that has no requirements.**

The mobile network, which is celebrating a year since it went live, has rolled out a series of celebratory packages for its clientele and amongst those is the contract package designed for people at grassroots level.

"Also forming part of our celebratory packages is the No Frills contract that literally has NO complications or difficult requirements; contract *lengana-manazanana*," Swazi Mobile Communications Manager Nosipho Shongwe said.

She said this package targeted customers in the lower end of the market

who spend about E50 a month for their telecommunications and they could now enjoy the benefit that was previously only enjoyed by clients in the middle and higher end of the market.

"No debit orders, no credit vetting and hassles is what we are talking about. Subscribers to this package also get the unlimited calls to other Swazi Mobile numbers on Sundays as well as from 6pm to 6am every day," she said.

As part of its birthday month celebrations, Swazi Mobile has planned a series of events which will be taking place all over the country as staff, management and the board thank the Swazi nation for supporting the network as it grows from strength to strength.

The public will be kept updated with

**GOOD NEWS: Swazi Mobile Communications Manager Nosipho Shongwe.**

details of these activities as the dates draw closer, she said.

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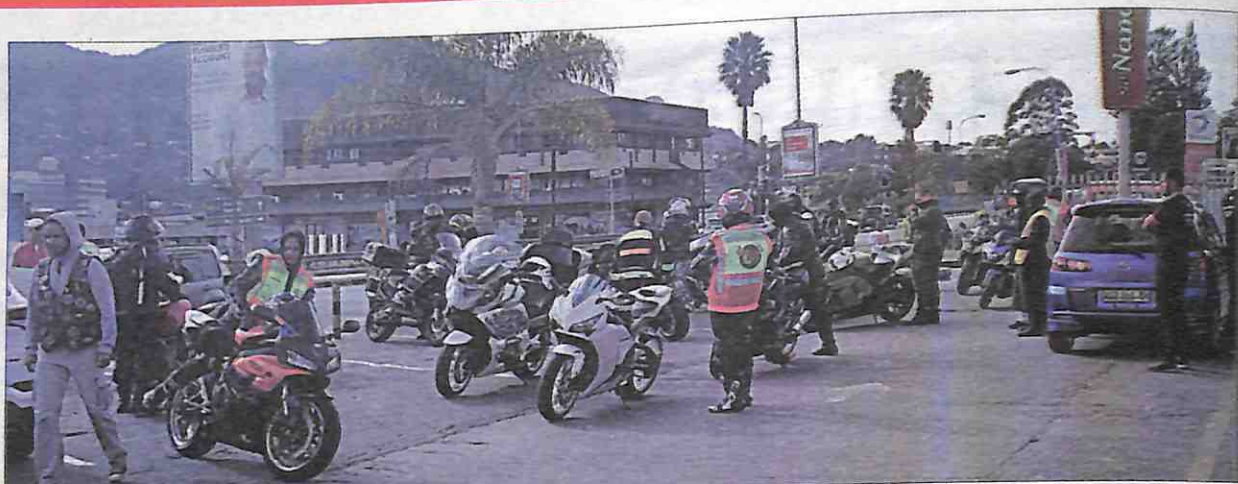
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SWAZI BOYZ MCC 8TH ANNUAL WINTER BLANKET RUN



RIDING WITH A PURPOSE: Bikers leave Nandos Mbabane to take part in the Swazi Boyz MCC 8th annual winter Blanket Run yesterday. The bikers started by visiting Nsangwini, where they donated to a pre-school before leaving for Pigg's Peak and Mayiwane, respectively. The donation comprised food parcels, blankets, clothes, seedlings and many more. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



READY: Bikers ready to leave the city on their way to make donations.



KIND GESTURE: Some of the bikers from the Swazi Boyz MCC arrive with the items that were donated to the pre-school.



BRIEFING: Swazi Boyz President Brian Carrington makes a briefing to the bikers before leaving Mbabane yesterday.



GOOD HEARTS: Justice Magongo speaking on behalf of the bikers as they made the donation.



THANK YOU: The Nsangwini Pre-school pupils led by their teacher render a song to thank the bikers.



APPLAUSE: Bikers give a round of applause.



THIS WAY: Founder of the Nsangwini Pre-school Pastor Almon Mkhonta shows some of the crew members around the school.



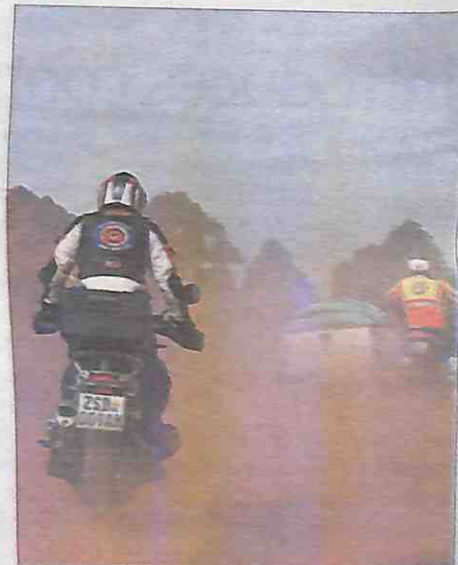
DONE: Some of the bikers leave Nsangwini for another destination, where they made more donations.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Some of the donated items inside the classroom, which is still under construction.



GOODIES: The children were treated to some goodies from the biking club.



THE DUST: Bikers escorting a van full of the stuff that was donated.



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MBABANE

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MISLEADING SWAZI OBSERVER ARTICLE

In the Swazi Observer dated July 5, 2018 a misleading article was published under reporter Sisho Magagula's by-line, headlined 'Mbabane Municipality putting lives in danger - Residents'. The journalist did not bother to obtain Council's side of the story or even verify allegations raised by individuals concerned. As a result, the article lacked crucial facts that would have been available to him to enrich the content for the benefit of the publication's readership.

That said, Council has in the previous press statement stated that the informal settlements of Malagwane, Mangwaneni, Mvakwelitsje, Sidwashini, Makhololo Zone 6c, Zone 3, Fonteyn, Sitibeni, and Manzana are all part of a upgrading project initiated by Council for which it has obtained Human settlements authority permission to upgrade to township. These were left out of the Urban Development Project in the late 90s.

The project also aims to provide secure land tenure to residents that live on government land within the urban area, which means they presently do not have title to the land they reside on. Ultimately the beneficiaries will get title to serviced plots.

As stated in the last press statement, it is a requirement of the Building act that anyone who wishes to build a house must submit an application and it is a requirement that to build a permanent structure you must have title to the land. However where there are existing structures in the informal settlements, Council has allowed the homestead owners to apply for temporal building permits through their Local Community Committees, to rehabilitate or reconstruct their houses using mud bricks.

No one is compelled to build a mud and stick house as alleged in the Swazi observer article. This has been the position for years and most communities have been able to build safe houses whilst waiting to obtain title to the land they occupy. The pictures of some of these houses attest to this. As we stated in the last press statement, it is only parliament that can appropriate money to speed up the plot allocation process.

Below, Council offers clarity as per the cases mentioned in the misleading article.

1. Issue of Phindile Khumalo from Mangwaneni: this resident in a homestead owned by Jerrod Khumalo. Mr Khumalo was issued a temporal building permit to erect 2 rooms in 2016, and they were erected. In 2017, he re-applied to rehabilitate an additional 4 rooms, these rooms included the one that the article refers to. Following a recommendation of the Local Community Committee, Council approved the application. Instead of erecting these structures, Mr Khumalo prioritised erecting a fence around the homestead. Council believes the resident had an opportunity to correct the problem before the house collapsed. Council did not receive any complaint until this article.

2. Issue of Simon Mavimbela from Mangwaneni: this issue dates back to 2010 in a part of Mangwaneni that is affected by land-slides because of the nature of the landscape. It was reported to Council that a landslide caused the collapse of a house, resulting in a child's death. An application for a temporal building permit had not been requested prior to the collapse of the house.

3. Issue of Ginindza from Dark City in Sidwashini: He lived alone and apparently indigent. However, the resident had not applied for a building permit prior to the collapse of the house.

4. Mncina Homestead in Makholokholo: Council has not received any building application from the owner.

Clearly from the above, of all the cases reported in the Swazi observer article 3 out of 4 had not applied for a building permit. In the only case where an application was obtained, the homestead owner prioritised building a fence. In none of these cases has a complaint been lodged with Council.

During the community engagement meetings that Council staff holds annually in all the informal settlements, Council does provide advice on how homestead owners can improve the structural quality of their houses. This includes better quality foundations, using damp proof course, cement plastering and tying the roof down.

COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

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6 NATIONAL NEWS

ANOTHER MAN BEATEN TO DEATH FOR STEALING DAGGA

By Sizwe Dlamini
Piggs Peak

A man from Pigg's Peak was bundled into a taxi boot and beaten to death by four alleged dagga dealers.

The deceased is said to have stolen dagga from the dealers about two months ago. The assault took place at a secluded forest area around Buhleni on Saturday evening.

The dagga dealers are said to have punched, kicked and beaten the victim with sticks until he died. After the assault, the four were arrested by Buhleni police a few hours later.

The name of the deceased has been withheld pending the notification of his next of kin while the four men's identities will be revealed once they have appeared in court today.

Speaking to this newspaper, sources said the deceased had stolen dagga from the dealers a few months prior to his murder.

"Information we have is that the deceased had told the four dagga dealers that he (the deceased) had a connection in Mbabane that would purchase their dagga. This is said to have excited the four dagga dealers who jumped into a car and drove to



CONFIRMED: Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba.

Mbabane, where two masked men armed with guns stole the dagga from them leaving them angry," said the source.

Dealers

On Saturday evening, one of the robbed dagga dealers spotted the deceased enjoying some alcoholic beverages at Buhleni. "The dagga dealer then phoned his friends who came immediately in a taxi and bundled the deceased into the boot.

After doing this, the dagga dealers then ordered the taxi driver to drive to a secluded

forest, where the deceased then was heavily assaulted.

After the assault, the dealers left the deceased for dead but he managed to walk home, where he was then rushed to Mkhuzweni Health Centre for treatment.

However, it was too late as he died due to internal bleeding," added the source.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba confirmed the incident and said police were still investigating.

You killed my son - man tells gogo in court

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A man of Mpolonjeni left the Swazi National Court stunned when he openly accused an elderly woman of witchcraft, saying she bewitched his son who later died mysteriously.

Bhekithemba Nhleko was appearing before the court after he was arrested for threatening the elderly woman with violence. He was charged with common assault, in that he wrongfully and unlawfully assaulted a 63-year-old woman by threatening to hack her with a bush-knife and further labelling her as a witch.

Presenting her evidence, the complainant told the court that Nhleko approached her while she was at her home and started making accusations against her. She said the accused labelled her as a witch, before threatening to hack her with a bush-knife.

The elderly woman said she was now living in fear as she believed that the accused person

was capable of executing his threats.

She asked the court to ensure her safety by ordering the accused person to stop issuing threats and coming anywhere closer to her.

The accused person pleaded guilty to the charge. He also admitted to most of the complainant's evidence.

He said, however, he was provoked by the complainant who went around the area boasting that she killed his son through the powers of witchcraft.

Nhleko said the elderly woman's utterances made him to believe that she really killed his son as it was no secret that their families always had differences.

The accused person said he warned the complainant against talking about his late son as this may tempt him to eventually take the law into his own hands.

The accused person was found guilty by the court. He was fined E1 200 and further ordered to stay away from the complainant.

Courts' tough stance on bail worries lawyers

Stories by Sisho Magagula
Ezulwini

ATTORNEYS in the country are concerned about the tough stance that seems to have been taken by local courts in relation to the granting of bail to suspects accused of having committed serious offences.

This concern by the legal eagles was made publicly known by lawyer Lucky Manyatsi, who is a member of the Law Society of Swaziland during a symposium by the Human Rights Commission (HRC).

The HRC hosted the event last Thursday at Sibane Hotel, where it launched its report on the assessment of prolonged detention periods for inmates.

The commission has conducted a comprehensive research to find the reasons that cause the prolonged detention of inmates in the country's correctional centres.

The launch was attended by a number of stakeholders in the criminal justice system, including magistrates, prosecutors, and attorneys. The report cites a number of reasons attributed to the backlog of cases in the country's courts.

It was during the plenary session that lawyer Manyatsi raised the concern about the seemingly tough stance that

the courts have taken against suspects seeking bail after being charged with serious offences such as rape and murder.

"Our courts have now taken a tough stance on the issue of bail. People are now denied bail unnecessarily. Even in cases where an accused person is admitted to bail, the bail amount is so exorbitant that the accused person cannot afford it," he said.

Manyatsi said the tough stance that has been taken by the courts in relation to bail is part of the reasons why some suspects find themselves spending prolonged periods of time behind bars.

He said there were some accused persons who had been granted excessive bail amounts by the courts and were still languishing in jail for over a year. He noted that excessive bail defeats the very purpose of granting it.

On another note, lawyer Manyatsi said lawyers were also not happy with the fees paid by government to pro deo counsels representing accused persons charged with crimes that carry capital punishment.

A pro deo counsel is an attorney engaged by the state to represent a suspect charged with an offence that carries a capital punishment. The state foots the bill for the lawyer's services.



LEGAL EAGLE: Advocate Mduduzi Mabila.

Convicted serial murderer David Simelane, for instance, was represented by a pro deo counsel in his matter.

Government first engaged senior Mbabane lawyer Lucky Howe and later secured the services of top Advocate Mduduzi Mabila.

Lawyer Manyatsi said the money paid to lawyers for pro deo services was embarrassingly low and did not attract lawyers to undertake such assignments.

"We have a serious problem with the fees paid by government for pro deo work. The capping is embarrassingly low.

The last time I checked, the maximum fee paid to a pro deo counsel was E7 000. This is not attractive by any standards," he said.

Emaswati afraid to report human rights matters - lawyer

EMASWATI are reluctant to take matters of violation of their basic human rights to court in fear of being victimised by the state.

This was said by lawyer Sandzile Khoza during the launch of the report on prolonged detention periods for suspects compiled by the Human Rights Commission.

The outspoken attorney, who is also a son to deceased former Deputy Prime Minister Arthur Khoza, was reacting to concerns by Principal Secretary (PS) in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Lorraine Hlophe.

During the plenary session, Hlophe took a swipe at local lawyers for their continued reluctance in taking up cases for indigent members of the public on a pro bono basis. Pro bono means providing a free legal service to people who cannot afford legal

representation.

"Legal aid is a community service. Legal practitioners must actively take up cases on a pro bono basis. They must give back to the communities from which they come. A lawyer worth his or her salt should take at least one case free of charge per year. The E7 000 provided by government for pro deo services is just meant to cushion them," she said.

Lawyer Khoza reacted to this and said it is not like lawyers are reluctant to take up cases on a pro bono basis.

"The problem is that people are afraid out there. People are afraid to bring human rights cases to us for litigation on a pro bono basis. They are afraid of being victimised by the state. *Bantfu bayesaba langephandle*," he said.



Commission, the fact that there are more judges than available courtrooms flies in the face of whatever good that is supposed to come with the increased personnel.

"There has, encouragingly, a steady increase of judicial officers both at the High Court and at the magistracy as two judges were appointed in 2017 and another two appointed in 2018. In the subordinate courts, four magistrates have been hired in 2018.

It is also encouraging to note that as at December 2017, over 20 prosecutorial posts were created and filled.

However, the fact that no additional courtrooms have been constructed flies in the face of whatever good coming with the increased personnel. The commission, therefore, advocates for the construction or provision of courtrooms to guarantee the constant turn of the wheel of justice," states the report.

VACANCY: COUNTRY MANAGER (FINANCIAL SERVICES)

We are looking for an energetic, motivated Country Manager to manage and grow the existing operations throughout Swaziland.

Minimum Requirements:

- 12 years International experience working for a financial services company as Executive or in
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- Min 5 years management in a digital consumer or small business lending environment
- Deep understanding of

available technology, financial products, risk management and consumer credit

- Knowledge of macroeconomic and microeconomic fundamentals
- Must be able to manage multiple finance and operational projects simultaneously

Qualifications:

- Project Management
- Qualifications (APM, PMQ, PRINCE 2, PMP)
- High level of Excel, MS-Project

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More judges, less courts

FOR many years, there has been a huge public call for the increase in the number of High Court judges in order to ease the backlog of cases but, it turns out this has not been a solution to the problem.

In the last two years, the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) has recruited over four judges to occupy the

High Court bench. However, there is yet another challenge.

The problem is that there are now more judges and fewer courtrooms at the High Court and this has led to the prolonged detention of suspects awaiting trial.

According to an assessment conducted by the Human Rights

MAN COLLAPSES AT POPULAR CLUB

By Nozipho Sibiyi
Mbabane

REVELLERS at City by Nite were left shocked when a young man, who was enjoying his alcoholic beverages, collapsed inside the bar under unclear circumstances yesterday morning.

The incident happened at around 9am. According to an eyewitness, the man suspected to be in his mid-30s collapsed while they were enjoying their alcoholic beverages inside the popular club.

He alleged that the man arrived at the bar on Saturday night and was enjoying himself till yesterday morning.

He collapsed in front of over 20 revellers, who immediately called the 977 Emergency Services, known as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Upon arrival, the paramedics put the man on a stretcher and took him to an ambulance. "He was rushed to Mbabane



HARD WORKING: The man being transported by paramedics to Mbabane Government Hospital after he collapsed during a drinking spree at City by Nite yesterday. (Courtesy pic)

Government Hospital where he was admitted," said the source. "It is suspected that the man had not taken his medication. His friends mentioned that

he has heart problems," said the source. Another source alleged that probably he drank on an empty stomach, which is why he fainted.

Mahwalala murder: Two men appear in court

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

TWO suspects in the murder of a soccer player at Mahwalala over a week ago appeared before Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati yesterday.

The 22-year-old soccer player, popularly known as 'Mandende' Mahlangu, was stabbed 19 times and he succumbed to death after allegedly engaging in a disagreement with the two suspects in one of the drinking spots at Mahwalala.

The two suspects, Mfanukhona Gama and Nkosinathi Mamba, were not asked to plead at the Magistrate's Court as Vilakati told them that the court has no jurisdiction to hear the matter and the case was postponed to tomorrow.

"We are yet to seek advice from the prosecutors on the matter but the court has no jurisdiction to make you stand for trial today (yesterday). However, you have the right to apply for bail in the meantime," he said. Mahlangu, who resided at Zone 4, Hilltop, was laid to rest on Saturday.

The suspects are allegedly residing at Zone 2, a few kilometres from the deceased's homestead.

Meanwhile, the Sunday Observer reported that the murderers had followed the deceased who was in the company of a friend from a drinking spot. It is said before the two could reach their destination at around 1am, the killers showed up and assaulted as well as stabbed the deceased. Mahlangu is said to have died while undergoing treatment after he was swiftly taken to the Mbabane Government Hospital.



PLEASE HELP:
Gugulethu Gift Yambane.

SA boy looking for Liswati mom he lost 22 years ago

By Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

THE last time Gugulethu Gift Yambane was with her Eswatini-born mother was when he was just three months old.

And 22 years later, the young man is looking to re-unite with his mother.

Currently residing in the Limpopo Province, Yambane was born in Bekkersdal in Johannesburg on May 2, 1995. His father is Sipho Yambane and his mother, who is believed to be in the country, is Elsie Florence Dlamini.

The 23-year-old Yambane is seeking help from those who may know the whereabouts of his mother as he wants to be re-united with her having lost his father.

"My dad Sipho Yambane has died. He is said to have met my mother around 1993 at Multi Bus here in Johannesburg (Carletonville). It is a bus station where my dad used to work at. I was only three months old when my mother left for Swaziland, leaving me at the care of my father and grandparents. She told them that she will constantly come back to check on me but I haven't met her since and life has not been easy, especially because I lost my father and my grandparents," he said.

Yambane said as much as life was tough, he was able to roll with the punches and finished high school though that's how far he could go academically.

"It is my greatest wish to see my mother. I don't need her financial help but I need her to embrace me as her child and be exposed to our culture from my mother's perspective," he narrated. Yambane is now living with his disabled aunt whom he said played a huge role in his upbringing and making sure he finished school. Those who know her, contact these numbers:

+276 1123 1536 or +276 0416 9299.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Promulgated under the Financial Services Regulatory Authority Act 2010, the Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) is responsible for the regulation of non-bank financial institutions in Eswatini. The FSRA invites dynamic, goal-oriented, high performers, with strong problem solving skills to apply for the following vacancies.

Finance Officer

Under the supervision of the Finance Manager within the Finance and Corporate Services Division, the incumbent is responsible for the execution of revenue and receivables, procurement & payables functions.

Main functions and responsibilities include:

- Administer the revenue function including invoicing, receipting and producing weekly reports
- Maintain and update an accounts receivables module and generate reports
- Prepare a monthly debtors aged analysis report of issued invoices and received payments, send monthly statements to debtors, follow up on non-payments, prepare debtor schedules and reconciliations including internal debtors
- Facilitate the procurement of goods and services and ensure that goods are accounted and paid
- Facilitate payments such as third parties, business travel costs, workshop and training registration fees, accommodation, subsistence allowances and air-ticket or transportation
- Administer petty cash requests, reconcile and facilitate reimbursement
- Undertake any other job-related duties as assigned

Qualifications and experience required:

- AAT Level 3 or CAT Level 3 with a minimum of 2 years' accounting and finance experience
- Good understanding of procurement, revenue and IFRS
- Proactive with interpersonal, communication and multitasking skills
- Financial analytical skills
- People oriented and a team player
- Computer literacy - Ability to use spreadsheet and statistical software packages to analyse financial data, spot trends and to develop forecasts

Human Resources Generalist

Reporting to the Human Resources and Corporate Services Manager within the Finance and Corporate Services Division, the position assist in the overall administration of the human resources management function in the organisation.

Main functions and responsibilities include:

- Assist in providing human resources solutions across the organisation (including recruitment and selection, industrial relations, training and development, employee wellness, performance management, benefits administration, Health and Safety and corporate services)
- Advise and monitor compliance to HR programs, policies and procedures and institute corrective action for areas of non-compliance
- Participate in the development and implementation of the human resources strategy
- Add value in formulating and implementing innovative HR ideas and solutions
- Participate in HR structures and committees and assist with the day to day operations of the HR office
- Maintenance of HR records and systems

Qualifications and experience required:

- Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management or equivalent with 2 years' related work experience
- Working knowledge of industrial relations and labour law
- Theory and practice of Learning and Development
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite with exposure to HR Information Systems as an advantage
- High standards of integrity and confidentiality
- Good planning, organising, communication/ presentation and facilitation skills
- People oriented, a team player and attentive to detail

Financial Analysts

Reporting to either the Manager Licensing and Inspections in the Credit and Savings Institutions Division or the Insurance, Retirement Funds and Medical Schemes Division, the position is responsible for the licensing, offsite monitoring and on-site inspection of financial services providers based on the principles of ethical market conduct and prudential regulation as well as ensuring proper supervision and compliance with relevant laws.

Main functions and responsibilities include:

- Analysis of financial and non-financial information; Assessment of economic performance of regulated entities to include review of quarterly and annual returns to determine financial stability and compliance with solvency requirements
- Preparation of statistical reports and assessment of trends
- Conduct risk assessments of regulated entities and recommend mitigation strategies;
- Measurement of financial risk of investments
- Contribution to consumer protection and education programme

Qualifications and experience required:

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Auditing, Finance, Actuarial Sciences, Economics or related field
- No work experience required, though some exposure to the financial services industry or any of the above mentioned areas would serve as an added advantage
- Computer literacy - Ability to use spreadsheets to analyse financial data
- Strong analytical skills (quantitative as well as qualitative)
- Sound organising, planning, time management skills, as well as strong attention to detail
- High standards of ethical conduct: respect, honesty, integrity and confidentiality
- Good interpersonal skills and a team player
- Proactive, willingness to learn as well as the ability to take initiative and advocate own views

Legal and Compliance Officer

Reporting to the Manager of Eswatini Stock Exchange, the position is responsible for providing legal advice and board secretarial services to the Exchange, the Main Committee and its constituent sub-committees. The successful candidate will also be required to monitor adherence to international standards of Corporate Governance in order to protect investors and the integrity of the Exchange.

Main functions and responsibilities include:

- Develop, implement and monitor the Exchange's regulatory framework
- Ensure legal and regulatory compliance by the Exchange to the FSRA and Eswatini Central Securities Depository (CSD) Limited
- Facilitate the disciplinary process for the Exchange
- Prepare draft contracts and documents for the Exchange and brief counsel, specialised attorneys and advisers accordingly
- Review draft service level agreements and standards
- Assist in the preparation of detailed performance contracts and agreements, as well as the monitoring of procedures between the Exchange and service providers
- Act as a Secretary to the Main Committee and sub-Committees on the application of the Board Charter
- Ensure the preparation and submission of statutory returns, as well as ensure compliance with statutory reporting requirements
- Participate in the development of the strategy, regulatory policies, functional processes and procedures and annual budget for the Exchange

Qualifications and experience required:

- Admitted Attorney of the High Court with a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) preferably specialising in Corporate Law, Securities Law, Financial Regulation Law, Business Law or Commercial Law
- 3 years' experience working in a similar position
- Exposure to flotation, mergers and acquisitions, financial restructuring and the provision of Board secretarial services
- Advocacy, negotiation, analytical and innovation skills
- Good communication skills
- Decisive and assertive
- Business acumen and financial awareness
- Quality and results oriented

Research Officer

Reporting to the Manager Licensing and Inspections in the Insurance, Retirement Funds and Medical Schemes Division, the position is responsible for providing professional expertise and skills in research methodology, research designs, data collection, data analysis, the interpretation and presentation of research and evaluation results in support of the Division's research objectives and strategic goals.

Main functions and responsibilities include:

- Develop research work plans and proposals for the collection of literature review and statistical data
- Gather, collate and update domestic and international trends
- Assist with the maintenance of the research database, and collaborate with the team when conducting gap analysis, as well as when identifying research needs and requirements
- Analyse and review financial services data, financial reports and statistics
- Respond to client enquiries on industry issues; Conduct on-site inspections and offsite monitoring
- Deliver presentations on research findings and other gathered information
- Arrange for stakeholder education and engagement activities acting as the Division's key focal person in stakeholder education and engagement

Qualifications and experience required:

- Bachelor's degree in Management, Economics, Statistics or related field
- No work experience required, though demonstrated experience in research and economics would be an added advantage
- Aptitude for detailed analysis of both financial and non-financial information
- Computer literacy - ability to use spreadsheets to analyse financial data
- Ability to deliver projects timeously and engage in post project evaluation
- Good communication skills
- Sound organising, planning and time management skills, as well as strong attention to detail
- High standards of ethical conduct: respect, honesty, integrity and confidentiality
- Good interpersonal skills and a team player

Written applications accompanied by certified copies of academic certificates must be submitted together with a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae and three recent professional referees. Late applications shall not be accepted. All applications will be acknowledged.

Should you not receive further correspondence within one month of the closing date, please consider your application to be unsuccessful.

Closing date for applications is 16 July 2018. The position for which you are applying for must be clearly specified in the subject line.

Please apply in writing to:
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KPMG Advisory (Swi) (Pty) Ltd
Umkhwa House, Lot 195
Kai Grant Street, Mbabane
Email: recruitment@kpmg.co.sz



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BUHLE CATERING SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY



SINGING AND PRAISING: Minister Owen Nxumalo and the director of Buhle Catering School Make Tfwala singing during the Buhle Catering School graduation ceremony held at UNISWA, Kwaluseni over the weekend. The ceremony was attended by parents, members of the Royal Family, mayors from Manzini and Mankayane and other high ranking officials. (Pics: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)



EDUCATION IS KEY: Minister of Education Dr. Phineas Magagula delivering his speech at the ceremony. **RIGHT - PRAISES:** Chakazile Ziyane, who is one of the students, renders a poem.



WELL DONE: A section of the graduating students inside the UNISWA's Sports Emporium hall.



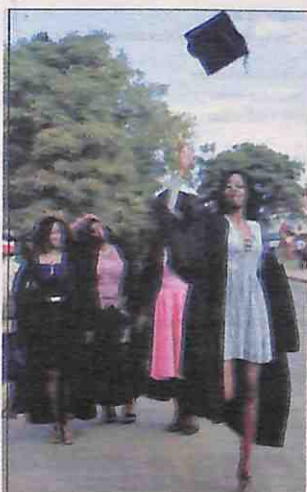
SPIRITUAL HEALING: Gospel singer Reverend Vusumuzi Maculuve entertains the audience with his music.



BRASS BAND: Pupils from Salesian High School performing during the graduation.



PACKED: Relatives and parents of the students watch the proceedings.



HAPPY MOMENTS: Part of the graduates enjoying themselves on their big day.



PICTURE-PERFECT: Some of the graduates pose with their relatives who had come to show support.

STOP RELYING ON FPE, PARENTS TOLD

Stories by Nozipho Sibiya
Ezulwini

THE Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) has told parents to stop relying on the Free Primary Education (FPE) for their children's school fees but meet government half-way.

Speaking during a farewell function of three retired teachers at Ezulwini Community Primary, SNAT Mbabane Branch Chairman Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini said parents should not fully rely on government.

The retired teachers are Beauty Ncane Dlamini, Judith Msibi and Gloria Maseko. Dlamini said parents should be grateful that the Government of Eswatini was meeting them half way in paying their children's fees.

He said it was very shocking to see pupils coming to school without proper school uniforms. "Parents should make means of providing their children with what government can't afford," he said. Dlamini further thanked the government of Eswatini for introducing the free primary edu-



FAREWELL PRESENTS: Retiring Ezulwini Community Primary School teachers Judith Msibi, Gloria Maseko and Beauty Dlamini displaying their gifts presented by SNAT Mbabane branch during their farewell function on Thursday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)

cation for all children in the country. He said education promoted human dignity and offered equal opportunities and distribution of wealth.

"Education brings changes to individuals regardless of gender, therefore, primary school education is very important. Uniform is very important, even for those under the FPE, so parents should provide for their children

"Parents should buy uniforms for their children," added Dlamini. He also requested the retired teachers to remain loyal members of SNAT.

SNAT also gave gifts to the

retired teachers. Meanwhile, Ezulwini Community Primary Principal Thoko Dlamini thanked the teachers, whom she said worked tirelessly for the school. "They have contributed immensely in the education of the country," she said. She encouraged them to remain loyal to the school as they will constantly call them for consultation. She said the three had been helpful to the school. She said they would be consulted whenever a need arose. She also applauded the teachers and parents for making sure that the farewell eventually took place.



SUPPORT: Some of the Ezulwini Community Primary School parents who were present.

Killing children a barbaric act – 'Mavikane'

SNAT Mbabane Branch Chairman Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini has condemned the killing of children for ritual purposes.

Making his remarks during the farewell function of three Ezulwini Community Primary teachers, he said the killing of children for ritual purposes was a barbaric act.

"Although it is a sensitive matter, but we must state that murder cases are on the rise with cases of aggravated murders very high this year," he said.

Dlamini said almost everyday they woke up to screaming newspaper headlines on various and varied forms of violent crimes, that gave chills in the extent of their fearfulness.

"Statistics indicate that there have been 180 murders of varied degrees in the country, which is a disconcerting and sobering statistics given the modest population of Eswatini and the fact that one life lost is one too many," he added.

He appealed to the nation to have respect for human life as it is sacred and no one can deprive another human being of their right to life.

Dlamini said taking another person's life has



STOP IT: SNAT Mbabane branch Chairman Victor 'Mavikane' Dlamini making his speech.

wide ranging social implications such as depriving the deceased's dependents their source of livelihood. He advised parents to always know the whereabouts of their children. "Children should also walk in groups when coming and going to school," he advised.



VACANCY - MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Ubombo Sugar Limited part of the Illovo Group is a leading producer of sugar and downstream products in Eswatini. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for appointment to the above mentioned position that has arisen at the Finance Division.

THE JOB: Reporting to the Financial Manager- Corporate Reporting, the job entails corporate reporting and ensuring adherence to financial principles and set accounting standards.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Prepare periodical corporate reports for reporting at Operations Committee and the Board.
- Manage year end process as set out in year end instructions.
- Manage Fixed Assets
- Prepare Capital Expenditure Applications / Projects Appraisals.
- People Management

THE APPLICANT

The candidate must meet the following requirements;

- Bachelor of Commerce Degree.
- A professional qualification (CIMA) will be an added advantage.
- Be a member of the Swaziland Institute of Accountants.
- 3-5 years experience in a related field.
- Pay attention to detail.
- Good communication skills.
- Good interpersonal skills
- Problem solving and report writing skills.

REWARDS

We offer a competitive package, commensurate with qualifications, experience and value - add.

Applications will be treated in strict confidence, and should include a detailed CV, copies of certified qualifications, and the names of three referees. Such applications should be addressed to the Human Resources Manager, e-mail: recruitment@ilovo.co.za and should be received by 13 July 2018.

Note: If you do not receive any correspondence within 21 working days, please consider your application to have been unsuccessful.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF QUALITY OF SERVICE MEASUREMENT AND MONITORING TOOLS

- 1.1. The Swaziland Communications Commission ("the Commission") is the regulatory body established in terms of the Swaziland Communications Commission (SCCOM) Act, 2013 responsible for regulating the electronic communications sector in Swaziland including; telecommunications networks and services, broadcasting services, postal services, the use and allocation of radio frequency spectrum, data protection and e-commerce.
- 1.2. Among its functions, the Commission is required to establish minimum quality and security standards for all communications services, products, operations and activities relating to any matter regulated by the Commission and regulate such measures as may be necessary to ensure public and private safety. The Commission is further required to promote the interests of both consumers and operators or service providers with regards the quality of communications services.
- 1.3. To effectively carry out this mandate, Section 3 (b), 5 of the Electronic Communications (Quality of Service) Regulations, No. 134 of 2016 provide the regulatory obligation for licensees to comply with the quality standards of service they provide to the consumers and for the Commission to measure the quality being provided.
- 1.4. Recent developments in the telecommunications sector, conversion of previous licences into technology neutral licences, issuance of new individual and general network and service licences for the provision of public telephony and internet services, as well as the fast changing technology landscape requires the Commission to establish the necessary tools and processes to ensure that licensees establish best practice processes to ensure compliance with relevant quality of service standards and the protection of the public and consumers as guided by the SCCOM Act, 2013.
- 1.5. In this regard, the Commission invites qualified companies and/or individuals to tender for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of a Comprehensive Solution to benchmark and measure the Performance and Quality of the Telecommunications Services in Swaziland.
- 1.6. Tender documents are available at the SCCOM offices, Mbabane Office Park, Sibekelo Building, 4th Floor North Wing, upon payment of a Non-Refundable tender fee of E500.00.
- 1.7. Interested tenderers may pay the tender fees by electronic transfer or in cash. If payment is made by electronic transfer the bidder shall email proof of payment to: procurement@sccom.org.sz, and also request to be availed and sent the tender documents (Master Document giving specifications of the system to be established, Commercial, and Legal Compliance documents) to prepare the required bidder proposal documents to be submitted to SCCOM on or before the 1st August 2018.

The Chief Executive Officer
Swaziland Communications Commission

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GOVT COMMITTED TO ERADICATE POVERTY, PROVIDE FOOD SECURITY

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza
Bhanganoma

GOVERNMENT is committed to eradicate poverty and provide food security in all communities in the country.

This was said by Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati during the launch of Bhanganoma Chiefdom Development Plan (CDP), by the Ministries of Agriculture and Tinkhundla Administration and Development and the Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE) recently at Bhanganoma Umphakatsi.

He said it was, therefore, important that the partnership established with SWADE and other development agencies was maintained even during implementation of the plan.

"These rural economic development programmes are for eradication of poverty, especially in the drought stricken rural areas," Vilakati said.

He explained that many of these programmes have been empowered with a primary mandate to build the capacity of farmers in the designated project development areas to plan, design and implement viable and sustainable projects and businesses.



HAND OVER: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati handing over the CDP document to Bhanganoma Senior Prince - Menji. (Courtesy pics)

"It is my sincere hope and trust that this CDP will ensure harmonised and justifiable socio-economic development, as it will address all the development needs and aspirations of the people," he said.

Vilakati said through the CDP, the community had been able to identify locally available resources and reach an agreement on how these resources could be wisely utilised, like a grazing area, livestock farming and environmental development, amongst others.

Furthermore, the minister said the launched CDP should be used as a tool that would guide and help in identifying development opportunities for the Bhanganoma community.

"There is a wide range of opportunities that when properly implemented will result in a better and developed chiefdom," he said.

In conclusion, he said it was his hope that the launched plan would facilitate a coordinated approach in identifying and harnessing development opportunities.



INTRODUCTION: Chairperson of the CDP Mchutjwa Simelane introducing other committee members.

CDP success rests on entire community - Minister

MINISTER of Tinkhundla Administration and Development Mduzuzi 'Small Joe' Dlamini says it is up to each and every member of the Bhanganoma community to ensure that projects implemented under the CDP become a success.

CDP is the Chiefdom Development Plan. Minister Dlamini said whatever had been implemented on the CDP should continue benefiting the community for generations to come. "It is up to each and everyone of us here today to make sure that this CDP is a success," Dlamini said.

He said these had to be based on locally available natural resources and facilitating the coming together of development by partners and

Dlamini then commended the government of Eswatini for the introduction of the CDPs, saying the government does not use the one-size-fits-all approach when dealing with development issues but balance expectations of every community in the country.

Applauded

"Each and every community has its own plan which directly addresses its needs," he said.

The minister then applauded the Bhanganoma community on the culturally rich development plan that will take the community to greater heights, if properly implemented.

beneficiaries in the implementation of the plans within the different sections of the Bhanganoma community.

SEBENTA NATIONAL INSTITUTE



POSITION OF ADMIN / HR MANAGER

Sebenta National Institute, a "Public Enterprise Category A", and a non-profit making organization, hereby invites suitable qualified candidates to apply for the above vacancy. The mandate of the Institute is to provide Basic Literacy, Non-formal education and Vocational Skills to the Swazi populace.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:-

- Develop, implement, review and update sound Human Resource policies, procedures and systems in order to promote the effectiveness of the function of the Institute.
- Ensuring that policies, procedures and strategies are adopted timeously by the Institute's Management and Board of Directors.
- Ensuring effective observation and administration, throughout Sebenta, of policies and procedure agreements amongst all employees including the unions.
- Ensure timely recruitment and induction of required level/quality of staff.
- Represent the Institute in relationships and negotiations with trade unions.
- Production of all reports
- Providing valuable advice on personnel and administrative matters.
- Production of the Institute's annual implementation plan.
- Setting targets and tasks of staff in the department and also appraising their performance in line with set targets and acceptable standards.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management, Behavioural Sciences or Equivalent
- A Post graduate qualification would be an added advantage
- Successful experience and knowledge in all areas of Human Resources Management.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND COMPETENCIES:-

- Strategic thinking and co-ordination skills.
- Coaching and change management skills
- Awareness of environment
- Commitment to excellence
- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- High level of integrity and confidentiality
- Team oriented
- Analytical and problem solving skills

Applications including detailed curriculum vitae and three references, should be handed and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Sebenta National Institute, P.O. Box 64, Mbabane. Applications should be received by the 16th July, 2018.

NOTE: Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

300 teachers equipped with 21st century skills

By Lungelo Nkambule
Mbabane

OVER 300 teachers and parents showed their support at the Royal Science and Technology Park to learn 21st century skills in the run-up to Africa Code Week (ACW) 2018.

Eswatini's Train-the-Trainer (TTT) series took place over two days last week and provided hands-on learning in coding and digital skills using the open-source scratch learning interface.

Karolina Telejko, Director of EMEA Corporate Social Responsibility at SAP and Project Lead for Africa Code Week, said the ACW TTTs were designed to make a teacher's life easy as they introduced digital skills in the classroom.

"ACW TTTs are designed to make teachers' life easier as they introduce digital skills in the classroom.

"Over the next four months, our expert volunteers will travel far and wide to empower teachers with skills and teaching materials that will enable them to integrate digital learning into the schools curriculum," he said.

Taking place in October, the ACW live workshops aim to reach more than 600 000 youth across 36 African countries, with a key focus on commu-

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nity empowerment and female skills development in support of the #eskills4girls initiative.

Now in its fourth year, the SAP-led programme continues to grow in popularity across the continent, thanks to a fast-growing network of schools, supporting governments, private sector partners, non-profits and local communities working together to unite against the digital and gender skills gap.

Focus

"ACW 2018 will focus on sustaining the impact of the programme through capacity-building efforts – which is exactly what Eswatini showcased this week as the country saw local teachers and parents share the knowledge they gained from previous TTT events.

Participants help create awareness and excitement for coding and digital skills and ultimately support ACW's efforts in empowering 70 000 teachers and two million youth by 2020," he said.

With 80 per cent of all jobs expected to be Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related by 2020, bold approaches are required to bring coherence and scale to

digital literacy interventions across Africa.

"Communications Deputy Minister Pinky Kekana's announcement in June that basic coding will be introduced into the South African formal education system point to an opportune time for Africa Code Week to bring its vision to life," added Telejko.

Mgcibelo Tsela, who is Senior Inspector of ICT for the Ministry of Education and Training, said the ACW were in line with the National ICT Policy which was launched in 2007. "Recognising our sizeable youth population and the vital role of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) in the digital economy, Eswatini launched a National ICT Policy in 2007 to which ACW's objectives align very well," he said.

"ACW proves that public-private partnerships can be a strategic means to affect transformation.

"We are proud to be part of this programme and look forward to providing an avenue to generate employment for our youth, while helping them to become valuable contributors to the global digital economy."

MAN LIES IN COURT, FINED E5 800 FOR TRAFFIC OFFENCES

By Sizwe Dlamini
Pigg's Peak

A drunk driver was fined E5 800 after he committed four traffic related offences at Buhleni.

Bongani Vilakati (28) was arrested yesterday morning while at Buhleni. Before his arrest, Vilakati is said to have been so intoxicated that his car, a grey Honda Fit, was seen zig-zag-

ing dangerously along the Buhleni public road by Buhleni traffic police.

After witnessing all this, Buhleni police then ordered Vilakati to stop the car and park it on the side of the road but he refused to do so, leading to a speed chase with the police for about 3km before he was apprehended.



The car chase eventually ended when Vilakati decided that he wanted to park his car on the side of road.

The police then arrested Vilakati for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving recklessly, driving without a driver's licence as well as failing to heed police instruction.

Appearing at the Pigg's Peak

Magistrate's Court yesterday morning, Vilakati claimed he was not the one driving the car as the driver had bolted from the car after seeing the police.

"To be honest, I was not the person who was driving. In fact, the driver of the car parked by the side of the road and bolted into the night, leaving me inside.

Guilty

When the police came they found me sitting in the driver's seat of the car, but I was not the one driving. I plead guilty to all the charges," he said.

After hearing this confused submission, Principal Magistrate Joe Gumede said the accused enjoyed lying in court for no reason.

"Why are you lying? Your story

makes no sense, after you were arrested in the driver's seat of the car, where did the other driver come from and why didn't police see him?

Firstly, I will sentence you to spend 15 months in a correctional facility if you fail to pay the E2 000 fine for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Then I will sentence you to spend 15 months in a correctional facility if you fail to pay the E1 500 fine for reckless driving. I will also sentence you to spend 15 months in a correctional facility if you fail to pay the E1 500 fine for failing to heed police instruction. Last but not least, I will sentence you to spend eight months in a correctional facility if you fail to pay an E800 fine for driving without a driver's licence," he said.

One day in a cell is enough – Drunk driver

Stories by Sabelo Majola
Mbabane

A drunk driver had the court in stitches when he asserted how hard it is spending a night in a cell after being nabbed for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Edwin Nxumalo (56) of Mbabane told Magistrate Sifiso Vilakati that he would consider quitting alcohol or avoid driving while under the influence after he spent the night behind bars. Nxumalo was arrested on Saturday near KaZondle and when he was tested by the police, his alcohol content

stood at 0.49mg/l.

He told the magistrate that spending the night in a cell was no joke and he would never drink and drive again. "It was a very big mistake and I have learnt my lesson.

I will consider quitting alcohol, especially after spending a night under those circumstances. My whole body is aching. I will never drink and drive again," he said.

Nxumalo was sentenced to 13 months imprisonment with a fine option of E1 300.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Vilakati strongly warned Mancoba Mabuza of Extension Three, who is a kombi

driver, against drink-driving.

Mabuza was also nabbed for drink-driving with his alcohol content at 0.42 mg/l.

Vilakati said Mabuza should be responsible as he is a public transport operator and the consequences of his actions could put the public in danger.

In mitigation, Mabuza said he got a phone call after he was done with the business of the day to engage in another job that entailed driving the kombi yet he had already started drinking. He was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500.

Drunken man rolls with car, survives

A drunk driver is lucky to survive after a Mazda 626 he was driving rolled and landed into a drainage along the Ngwenya road on Saturday.

Simon Hlatshwako (36) of Ngwenya was slapped with two counts, one for wrongfully and unlawfully driving his car under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or drug having a narcotic effect. His alcohol content on the body was 0.86 mg/l and the second count was that of negligently driving the motor vehicle and losing control, landing into a drainage.

Magistrate Vilakati said Hlatshwako was lucky to have survived the acci-

dent as many people had lost their lives due to negligent driving on the road. "People die on the road and you are lucky that you survived. You only have one life and you should value it," he said.

Hlatshwako confessed to speeding, saying it was a tight corner that got him losing control of the car, thus overturning and landing into the drainage.

He was sentenced to 15 months with a fine option of E1 500 in the first count and five months with a fine option of E500 in the second count. Both counts would run consecutively which means he paid a total of E2 000 in fines.

Also slapped with two counts was 23-year-old Mfundo Sibandze of Ezulwini. Sibandze was arrested for driving a VW Polo along Bahai on Saturday while under the influence of alcohol.

When tested, his alcohol content read 1.00mg/l. The second count was that of driving an unroadworthy car with a cracked windscreen. Magistrate Vilakati sentenced Sibandze to 15 months imprisonment with a fine option of E1 500 for the first count and five months with a fine option of E500 for the second count and the sentences ran concurrently. This means he will pay E1 500.

DRUNK DRIVER SLAPPED 6 CHARGES AFTER TRYING TO ESCAPE

SIZWE Dlamini was slapped with six charges, including that of trying to escape arrest, after he was nabbed for drink-driving.

Dlamini was arrested at Corner Plaza on Saturday while driving a Toyota Corolla with his alcohol content at 0.4 mg/l.

His charges included driving a car with no valid driver's licence, driving an un-roadworthy vehicle whose reverse lights were faulty, the car had an expired licence disk and lying to the police officer about his surname, saying he is Sizwe Lushaba instead of Dlamini and further for trying to escape arrest.

When Magistrate Vilakati asked Dlamini why he tried escaping, he said he was astonished by the alcohol content as he was only a sober

NAME	CONTENT	CAR	PLACE	SENTENCE	FINE
Simon Hlatshwako	0.86mg/l	Mazda626	Ngwenya	20 Months	E2 000
Mancoba Mabuza	0.42mg/l	Toyota Kombi Extension 3		15 months	E1 500
Bonginkosi Ndzimandze	0.48mg/l	Audi Sedan	Nkoyoyo	13 months	E1 300
Samkeliso Dlamini	1.22mg/l	Honda Fit	Nkwalini	16 months	E1 600
Edwin Nxumalo	0.49mg/l	Nissan Sedan	Mbabane	13 months	E1 300
Mfundo Sibandze	1.00mg/l	VW Polo	Bahai	15 months	E1 500
Sizwe Dlamini	0.4mg/l	Toyota	Ezulwini	1yr, 11 months	E2 300

driver drinking energy drinks and he didn't understand why the reading nailed him beyond the stipulated 0.38mg/l, hence he decided to dodge arrest. "It is all a mess and the charges are too many. I request the court to give me a lenient sentence as I did not mean to commit all these offences," said Dlamini.

He was sentenced to 13 months imprisonment for the drink-driving offence with a fine option of E1 300, five months for driving with no valid licence with a fine option of E500 and five months and E500 fine for all the other charges which Vilakati said would run concurrently, which totalled to E2 300.



84 motorists arrested for drink-driving

By Nozipho Sibiya
Mbabane

A total of 84 motorists were arrested for drink-driving over the past weekend.

The figure was announced by Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba yesterday. "The number shows a slight decrease when compared to last week's reported cases, whereby there were 114 motorists arrested for the same offence," said Mamba. He stated that some of the offenders had appeared in court for their troubles while others were still to appear in different courts of the country today. He requested the

motorists not to drive under the influence of alcohol as it was against Section 91 of the Road Traffic Act 2007. "Drink-driving is not only dangerous to the intoxicated driver, but to other motorists on the road," he said, further requesting drivers to either have a sober driver or consider using a taxi.

He said many people make the mistake of drinking and getting behind the wheel, which must come to a stop because the police remain vigilant on the roads. He said drink-driving remains a serious offence in the country's traffic laws. He said the police will not be lenient to law breakers. Meanwhile, the police reported that there were no fatal road accidents in the country's roads over the weekend.

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12 NATIONAL NEWS

PREMIER ESWATINI BAKERY COMES THROUGH FOR SIX NEEDY CHILDREN

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

THEY walk not less 15 kilometres to and from school on foot daily, and sadly on empty stomachs.

What worsen their case is that since government is currently reported to be broke, they are not sure whether they will get food at school to keep them going or not.

So dire is their situation such that they are also forced to wear torn uniforms the whole year because they cannot afford new ones.

This is the sad situation for six orphaned pupils from different primary schools around the country.

The six have forced their respective schools to seek help from concerned companies.

Recently, Premier Eswatini Bakery, the company that is baking for the nation, brought smiles to the needy individuals, thus igniting hope in their pursuit for education.

The six needy pupils each received food hampers that would keep them going for the next month or so.

Tears of joy ran down from guardians and the benefiting pupils when they got a surprise visit from Premier bakery management, who further distributed the food parcels.

Premier Eswatini Bakery General

As a company, we are in a quest to give back to society, hence we decided to help the needy child in whatever way. Through the assistance of the schools that are part of the competition, we have been able to identify the neediest pupils per school and handed them food hampers

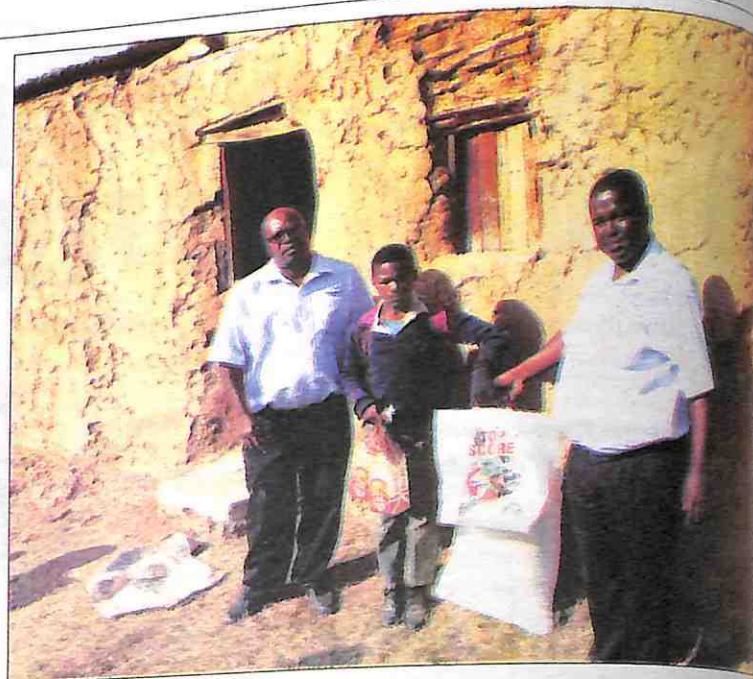


S.O.S: Premier Eswatini Bakery supervisors posing with Tandzile Magagula from Ntsinini Primary school, who got a food hamper.

Manager Sithembile Khumalo said the company was touched during the ongoing collect a plastic competition when they noted that some pupils were needy such that bread could be a first and probably the last meal of the day.

"As a company we are in a quest to give back to society, hence we decided to help the needy child in whatever way."

"Through the assistance of the schools that are part of the competition, we have



HELPING HAND: Premier's Thami Sithole and Jabulani Dlamini donating a food hamper to Mxolisi Mabuza from Mbasheni Primary School.

been able to identify the neediest pupils per school and handed a food hamper," Khumalo said.

Help

She said after seeing the need to help the needy pupils, the company approached its counterpart, the Premier Milling division, which assisted with six 50kgs of mealie rice. Meanwhile, representatives of the six schools whose pupils received help from Premier bakery expressed their gratitude towards the company.

"When you are helping a destitute child, you are initially investing in the future. This is because the pupils who are receiving help

today will one day become politicians, teachers, nurses, doctors and police officers of the country.

"They will not forget the company because somehow it has played a major role in their upbringing," said Charles Phiri, Deputy Head teacher of Mbasheni Primary school.

Nomathemba Hadebe, a teacher from Lubulini Catholic Primary school, said the food hampers would play a major role in assisting the pupils concentrate in class because they would have less to worry about as regard to food.

"To the children, the donation is the greatest gift they could ever receive," she said.

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CAUTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENT

In terms of the listings requirements of the Swaziland Stock Exchange, the company is required to issue a cautionary statement as soon as it becomes aware that financial results for the next reporting year will be materially different from those of the corresponding period of the previous year.

Accordingly, shareholders are advised that due to the difficult trading conditions, the Group's earnings for the year ending 31 March 2019 are anticipated to be materially lower than those of the year ended 31 March 2018. Shareholders are therefore advised to exercise caution when dealing in the company's shares.

By Order of the Board

LS Masango
Company Secretary

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ALL SMILES: Thabo Msimango from Ngwenya Central Primary School receiving a food hamper from Premier Bakery supervisors.



CHANGING LIVES: Premier Eswatini Bakery supervisors handing over a food hamper to Moses Dlamini from Nyamane Primary school.

THE ROYAL SWAZILAND SUGAR CORPORATION LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES

AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

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THE TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNERS OF THE COMPANY AMOUNTED TO E 301.2 MILLION

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	Year ended 31-03-18 Audited E'000	Year ended 31-03-17 Audited E'000
Revenue	2 961 672	2 957 614
Cost of sales	(2 314 046)	(2 226 725)
Change in fair value of biological assets	(54 534)	139 710
Gross profit	593 092	870 599
Other income	104 069	51 121
Distribution expenses	(6 679)	(6 973)
Administration expenses	(360 386)	(404 526)
Operating profit	330 096	510 221
Finance income	53 482	33 457
Finance costs	(2 211)	(10 657)
Net finance income	51 271	22 800
Share of profit of equity accounted investees (net of income tax)	20 318	31 026
Profit before taxation	401 685	564 047
Income tax expense	(97 327)	(162 922)
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	304 358	401 125
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss		
Remeasurements of defined benefit liability	(4 325)	(10 511)
Related tax	1 189	2 891
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	(3 136)	(7 620)
Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the Company	301 222	393 505
Number of shares in issue ('000)	96 346	96 346
Sugar production (tonnes 96° Pol)	435 763	400 102
Ethanol production ('000 litres)	25 468	33 151
Ethanol sales ('000 litres)	24 443	32 138
Basic earnings per share (cents)	315.9	416.3
Dividends per share (cents)	220.0	264.7
Operating margin (%)	11.1	17.3
Interest cover (times)	173.5	51.0
Return on net assets (%)	16.7	24.3
Return on assets managed (%)	13.6	19.2
Return on shareholders' equity (%)	15.2	20.8
Price earnings ratio (%)	4.4	3.3
Earnings yield (%)	22.6	30.7
Dividend yield ratio (%)	15.7	19.5
Market share price (cents)	1 400	1 355

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Cash generated from operations	577 820	583 972
Changes in working capital	(104 008)	173 430
Finance costs	(2 211)	(4 798)
Taxation paid	(80 034)	(180 578)
Net cash generated from operating activities	391 567	572 026
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(315 886)	(88 211)
Other investing activities	50 846	53 187
Net cash utilised in investing activities	(265 040)	(35 024)
Decrease in loans and borrowings	(23 571)	(15 030)
Dividends paid	(290 988)	(269 949)
Net cash utilised in financing activities	(314 559)	(284 979)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(188 032)	252 023
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	404 253	178 053
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	(4 014)	(25 823)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	212 207	404 253

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

Balance at beginning of year	1 893 109	1 754 633
Total comprehensive income for the year	301 222	393 505
Dividend declared	(211 962)	(255 029)
Balance at end of the year	1 982 369	1 893 109

Notes to Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

Business segmental analysis

1. External revenue		
- Cane Growing	10 973	7 305
- Sugar production and marketing	2 691 503	2 598 250
- Ethanol production and marketing	239 742	327 225
- External revenue not meeting segment criteria	19 454	24 834
	2 961 672	2 957 614
2. Operating segment results		
- Cane growing	263 951	475 691
- Sugar production and marketing	369 228	342 956
- Ethanol production and marketing	7 807	58 916
	640 986	877 563
- Results of other operations not meeting segment criteria	(6 136)	(7 870)
- Unallocated other income	61 434	50 949
- Unallocated corporate costs	(365 218)	(409 366)
- Unallocated net finance income	50 301	21 745
- Share of profit of equity accounted investees	20 318	31 026
Profit before taxation	401 685	564 047

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	As at 31-03-18 Audited E'000	As at 31-03-17 Audited E'000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	1 468 894	1 340 865
Goodwill	286 481	286 481
Intangible assets	2 966	3 110
Equity accounted investees	118 776	111 090
Deferred tax assets	150	184
	1 877 267	1 741 730
Current assets		
Inventories	149 009	128 275
Biological assets - growing cane	453 931	507 880
Biological assets - livestock	6 468	7 053
Trade and other receivables	235 376	115 907
Taxation prepaid	-	34 963
Cash and cash equivalents	216 935	404 253
	1 061 719	1 198 331
Total assets	2 938 986	2 940 061
Equity and non-current liabilities		
Ordinary shareholders' funds	1 982 369	1 893 109
Deferred tax liabilities	316 581	324 710
Loans and borrowings	-	8 571
Employee benefits	90 420	100 188
	2 389 370	2 326 578
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	437 289	381 364
Short term employee benefits	93 566	113 296
Bank overdraft	4 728	-
Current portion of loans and borrowings	-	15 000
Current tax liabilities	14 033	24 797
Dividends payable	-	79 026
	549 616	613 483
Total equity and liabilities	2 938 986	2 940 061

COMMENTARY

Statement of Compliance

The summarised consolidated financial information, which has been audited, has been drawn up in compliance with the recognition and measurement criteria under International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Swaziland Companies Act.

Accounting Policies

The Group has consistently applied the accounting policies as set out in the March 2017 Integrated Report in preparing these results.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There were no changes in accounting policies during the year under review.

Commentary on Results

The 2017/18 season saw RSSC continue to recover from the drought. Cane crushed at 3.2 million tonnes, was 7% higher than cane crushed in the same period last year. Estate Cane yields were higher at 99.4 t/ha, as compared to 89.8 t/ha for the same period last year.

Sugar production was higher at 435,763 tonnes, 96° pol sugar, as compared to 400,102 tonnes, 96° pol sugar, for the same period last year.

Ethanol production at 25.5 million litres was 20.9% lower than the production in the same period last year due to the unavailability of distillation plant number two following an explosion incident in July 2017.

Total comprehensive income attributable to the Owners of the Company amounted to E301.2 million, was 23.5% lower than the results achieved in 2017. This decline in profitability is due to a number of factors which include: a lower world market sugar price; a firmer Lilangeni against major trading currencies; lower SACU market prices. The outlook for 2018/19 sugar prices resulted in a decrease in the fair value of standing cane at 31 March 2018.

The consolidated statement of financial position of the Group shows a strong balance sheet with total assets of E2.9 billion. Phase 1 of the Integrated Growth Programme ("IGP") kicked off with the expansion and modernisation of part of the Mhlume mill. These works will be completed prior to commencement of the 2018/19 crushing season.

The financial ratios show a general decline when compared to the last year but still show good returns.

Outlook

Following the good rains received, the Maguga, Mnjoli and Sand River dams are now at good levels being 100%, 80% and 96% respectively. As a result of this, the cane crop and sugar production will return to normal levels for the 2018/19 season.

However, revenue for Sugar and Ethanol will be lower due to lower prices as a result of decreased prices in SACU, lower world sugar prices and a stronger Lilangeni.

Corporate Governance

The Group is committed to best corporate governance practices and in this regard is guided by, inter alia, the code of corporate best practice and conduct contained in the King reports and other international guidelines on corporate governance. Details of the Group's compliance with corporate governance are set out in the March 2017 Integrated Report and these have been consistently applied during the year.

Review by Independent Auditors

The Group auditors, KPMG Chartered Accountants (Swaziland) have audited the consolidated financial results for the year ended 31 March 2018 and have issued an unmodified report. This summarised consolidated financial information has been derived from the audited statements and is consistent in all material respects. The report of the independent auditor is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company.

Contingencies and Commitments

There have been no material changes to contingencies and commitments as disclosed in the March 2017 Integrated Report.

Dividend Declared

A first interim dividend for the year ended 31 March 2018 (dividend 49) of 121.00 cents per share was declared on 15 September 2017 and paid in November 2017 to shareholders who are registered in the books of the Company at the close of business on 25 September 2017.

A second interim dividend for the year ended 31 March 2018 (dividend 50) of 99.00 cents per share was declared on 8 December 2017 and paid in February 2018 to shareholders registered in the books of the Company at the close of business on 25 December 2017.

This dividend, together with the first dividends make a total distribution in respect of the year ended 31 March 2018 of 220.00 cents (2017 - 264.7 cents)

Material Events After the Reporting Date

There have been no material events after the reporting date.

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Company Secretary: L S Masango

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The Board expresses its appreciation to management and staff for their efforts during the year ended 31 March 2018.

For and on behalf of the Board

Dr A T Dlamini N M Jackson
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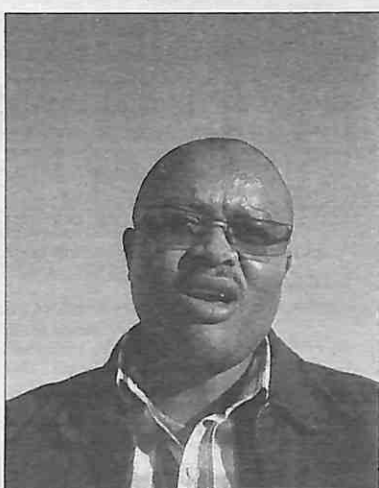
MANAGEMENT and staff of Nedbank, Nhlango branch continue to receive accolades from customers for their good service.

In Nhlango, the bank is considered as the one that provides first and high quality service. Several customers feel the management and the rest of the employees treat everyone with care irrespective of one's background or influence. Branch Manager Oscar Ntshalintshali and his team have also been praised by the Shiselweni Regional Administrator, Themba Masuku, who is one of the customers.

He said the way things were done by the branch, was what he would like to see happening even in other organisations or establishments.

Masuku said when one was visiting the branch they felt welcomed and appreciated they immediately they set their feet inside.

"We are not saying it's the only service provider that takes care of every customer in this town, but what we have noticed is that they are on top of their game. When it comes to shops, there is Nhlango Spar, which I think



PRAISED: Nedbank Nhlango Branch Manager Oscar Ntshalintshali.

has also been doing good in terms of service and other shops as well. This is what is needed and it also applies even with the public sector departments, and the public should be satisfied with service they need," said Masuku. Mashipisa Dlamini, who is an airtime vendor, also applauded the bank.

He said he recalled when he lost his bank card sometime ago and it was a weekend.

"I was inside queuing and what surprised me, was when I saw the branch manager (Ntshalintshali) approaching all of us in the queue. He wanted to know the service each one of us we had queued for. As some of us were not sure which teller we had to go to, Ntshalintshali made things easier for us, as he directed us to the right point for that particular help we needed. He had moved out of his office to do the job, which we normally know it's done by his subordinates," Dlamini told Shiselweni News. Sipho Simelane, who is a teacher, said he was impressed with the manner customers were treated by the bank. "They are always helping when it comes to customers' pace in understanding the language used in financial institutions. Take for instance, if you need to know more about loans, they make sure one is happy with the information, and to them it's not a waste of time explaining all the details. We call this true customer care and service," said Dlamini.

All Nations Christian Church donates equipment to police for dagga fight

FAST-growing church, All Nations Christian Church in Zion has donated equipment to the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) for destroying dagga fields.

The presentation took place on Wednesday during an event known as 'Shiselweni Schools Turning the Tide Against Drugs', held at the Teacher's Resource Centre in Nhlango organised by the Shiselweni Crime Prevention Unit.

About 350 pupils, who are also members of schools anti-crime clubs, participated in the event by passing messages about drug abuse in the form of songs and reciting poems. Apart from donating the equipment, the church was also the main sponsor of the event. All Nations Christian Church in Zion is a popular church founded by Arch-Bishop Bheki Lukhele. Its headquarters is at Bethany near

Matsapha and it has churches almost all over the Kingdom.

The arch-bishop was represented by Pastor Enock Mtsetfwa, who is in charge of the Gege branch. In his remarks, Pastor Mtsetfwa said the arch-bishop sent him to present the equipment as a sign of discouraging young people from engaging in crime especially drug abuse.

"The arch-bishop requested me to present this equipment on his behalf. He pointed out that as a church, we support such initiatives and it's a duty of everyone to assist police in curbing crime. The equipment being

presented to the police, it's a way the arch-bishop is showing how the church is touched and worried when young people's future is destroyed," said Pastor Mtsetfwa.

Shiselweni Regional Commissioner Wendy Hleta received the equipment on behalf of the National Commissioner Isaac Magagula.



Diamond Valley Academy hosts first drama in literature

HAVING started operating only this year, Diamond Valley Academy (DVA), in Nhlango hosted its first drama on arts and literature.

It was aimed at enabling pupils to understand the subject.

The cast team included private school pupils who were joined by their colleagues from Nsongweni High. Parents from both schools were part of the audience. Teachers and the pupils believe the show was a success.

Nokwanda Dlamini, an English Language teacher at DVA, said the aim of hosting the drama was mainly to assist pupils to have a feel of how literature was all about. "It was wonderful and I think for a start, we have done well. We are looking forward to next year and hopefully more schools will participate. Nsongweni High was invited and the pupils recited poems which were captivating and the audience was intrigued," said Dlamini.

Dlamini, who is also professional model, said teaching was not only about holding a chalk but for pupils

to understand the subject, but they needed to be seen involved in plays or drama. "Let them tell their own story by showing it through demonstration or acting. Through drama, you easily pick a message and it's easy to interpret something through action. It is also through such activities again where one realises his or her talent. It's on stage, where one can display his or her potential and in schools, this should be encouraged," Dlamini explained.

Dlamini said students from DVA performed a play on 'Live Liyengcayehwa' where cast members demonstrated the importance of respect. "Through the play, 'Live Liyengcayehwa', cast members showed on stage the true Swati way of being respectful to earn that respect. The cast crew also showed the importance of doing things right and consequences of doing things wrong, how one pays the heavy prize. It taught us how to instill discipline in society," Dlamini said in an interview

with Shiselweni News. The DVA members performed the play of Nigerian Ola Rotimi titled 'The Gods Are Not To Blame', which is also done in the SGCS syllabus. "The Gods Are Not To Blame' play was meant to benefit pupils from Nsongweni High School. We don't have it in our syllabus but we had it in the play as a way of showing our capabilities and judging from the excitement shown by the audience, it showed that it was good piece of work we managed to put together," said Dlamini.



POSE: Diamond Valley Academy teachers posing.

Principal of DVA is a source of inspiration

TEACHERS and students at Diamond Valley Academy (DVA) feel the Principal Philip Simelane has his own way of motivating them.

Simelane, a teacher by profession, is known for transforming Fundukuwela High School in the Northern Hhohho. He was seen as an ideal principal of the private school.

Having retired from the profes-

sion, DVA directors knew him as a good administrator, thus they decided to fetch him from retirement to head the institution. Teachers and pupils consider Simelane as a true leader playing the father figure role.

"He is an inspiration to all of us. The idea of the drama, he supported it fully. He has his own way of motivating us. He is our source of inspiration and we are proud to be

under his leadership," said Nokwanda Dlamini.

Dlamini said the principal also remarked when addressing the audience during the show that his wish was to see the event improving and interesting each year.

"As we were holding this show for the first time, Simelane told us that we should push and improve. We were humbled by his words of encouragement," said Dlamini.

OVER 250 000 CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM FPE SINCE INCEPTION

Stories by Starsky Mkhonta
Nhlanguano

THE Free Primary Education (FPE) programme has seen a total of 257 770 Swazi children benefiting since it was introduced eight years ago, says Minister of Education and Training Dr Phineas Magagula.

He was speaking during the signing ceremony of this year's FPE grant, which is a sum of E17 330 880, with the European Union. The event was held at the Teacher's Resource Centre building in Nhlanguano. The signing ceremony was witnessed by principals from the region's primary schools. Ministers Prince Hlangusemphi of Economic Planning and Development and Magagula as well as EU Ambassador Esmeralda Hernandez Aragone were also present.

Magagula said the EU has been the mainstay to the country when it comes to funding FPE, adding that it has been a reliable partner for all these years and played a major part to ensure that Eswatini succeeded in its goal of achieving universal primary education.

"Education is the right vehicle to use for development and emancipation and this is the reason the Kingdom of Eswatini has supported the notion of state funded education famously called FPE in all public primary schools," said the minister.

He added that the FPE programme that benefitted 257 770 children in



GOOD NUMBERS: Minister of Education and Training Dr Phineas Magagula.

the past eight years, had cost E139 387 560.

"This is the last year of this partnership and government will forever be grateful to the EU for the support," he said.

Achieved

Magagula said with the country having achieved universal access to primary education under the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the focus would now be on achieving quality of education in general.

"We will now be focusing on making sure we have quality education in general," said Magagula.

Meanwhile, the minister added that government was also making sure that funds in schools were properly

managed and to see that indeed such happens, principals were now trained on how to manage funds in their respective schools.

"A total of 760 principals from primary and secondary schools are going through a comprehensive training programme on financial management and EU has played its part as well in this regard here. As a ministry, we are pleased with this programme as that means a lot and we will improve when it comes to handling of school funds," said the minister.

Magagula thanked EU for supporting a number of the programmes which also contributed in various and positive ways to the people of

EU to continue supporting other education programmes

THOUGH EU has stopped funding FPE, it will continue supporting other programmes in the education sector, says EU Ambassador Esmeralda Hernandez Aragones.

Aragones said EU was not pulling out altogether in providing assistance, but it was just stopping funding the FPE which was being provided through what is known as Support to Education and Training Programme (SET). "Let me clarify that the EU is not pulling out of the education sector, but it is the SET programme that has come to an end. We will continue with our support under the social protection project targeting the early child care and education," she said. The ambassador said EU started collaborating with government under SET way back in 2005, where it started by paying school fees for orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) which used to be known as capitation grant scheme. "In 2010, government took a giant step to cater for school fees for children in primary schools as per the requirement of the constitution of the country. This is indeed highly commendable," said Aragones. Aragones said initially the plan under SET was that EU would support government in the FPE programme up to 2016, but through a fruitful collaboration between the two, it was then decided that the funding

should be extended for another two years. "I am confident that the Government of Eswatini will continue to pay and sustain the FPE initiative to ensure access to education for our children in the country," said Aragones. The ambassador said EU, through the SET project, had assisted in the construction of classrooms, teachers houses, resource centres and also in the rehabilitation of special needs for children in schools. She said there were reasons EU was investing in education.

Successful

"The EU believes that successful knowledge-based societies and competitive economies require citizens with a strong foundation in general education, the desire and ability to continue with lifelong learning and also to develop new knowledge, skills and competencies," she stated. Aragones said the partnership between EU and government yielded positive results with the aim being to achieve the Millennium Development Goal number two by the year 2015. "The EU support to education and training is fully in line with the country's National Development Strategy (NDS) of Vision 2022 which priorities poverty eradication through human development, notably education," said Aragones.

Eswatini.

"On behalf of government and the people of Eswatini, we would like to sincerely pass our gratitude

to the EU for having been of great assistance as all its interventions have impacted positively on our lives as Emaswati," he said.

Man stabs another during bar brawl

By Wonderboy Dlamini
Siteki

A fight which erupted at a popular drinking hall situated at Mlindazwe left a patron with a deadly wound when he was stabbed close to the neck.

The patron had to be rushed to hospital to prevent a possible loss of life. This transpired when Bongani Ndlovu (28) of Ntamakuphila appeared before the Magistrate's Court where he faced a charge of assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

According to the charge sheet, the accused person allegedly wrongfully and unlawfully assaulted Mfanzile Mgabhi by stabbing him on his back with a sharp object.

The accused person elected to conduct his own defence when he was informed of his right to legal representation.

Guilty

He further indicated that he would be pleading guilty to the charge. Due to the seriousness of the injuries sustained by the complainant, the Crown stated that it would lead evidence to prove commission of the offence. The accused person successfully applied for bail, which was granted at E1 000 while the matter was postponed to a later date.

Meanwhile, in the same court,



Welcome Mnisi faced a charge of contravening the Road Traffic Act. He was said to have driven a motor vehicle in a negligent manner and hit another vehicle from behind.

Particulars of the offence included that the accused person failed to apply brakes timeously to avoid an accident which a reasonable driver would have avoided. He is also said to have been driving at a high speed and inconsiderate of the road condition.

The accused person was granted bail set at E500 as the matter was postponed to a later date pending commencement of trial.

TUCOSWA HAPPY WITH AGOA, BUT...

By Mbono Mdluli
Mbabane

THE Trade Union Congress of Swaziland (TUCOSWA) is happy with the country regaining its AGOA trade benefit status.

However, the entity is concerned about some events that could be a threat to the trade agreement.

TUCOSWA was reacting to the reports published by one of the local daily newspapers as regards Eswatini being re-admitted into the AGOA.

The reports were to the effect that Eswatini would start exporting numerous products to United States of America (USA), through AGOA.

TUCOSWA Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga said they were very happy with such a development. This was mainly because it meant more workers would be employed because of the opportunities that came with one of the largest markets in the world (AGO). This would help in growing the economy of the country and probably take it out of the current financial quagmire.

Mhlanga, however, said they were concerned about the recent occurrence that happened between them and the police. Mhlanga said such occurrences were dangerous to such lucrative opportunities the country



BUT: TUCOSWA Deputy Secretary General Muzi Mhlanga.

had in terms of trading with other countries.

The deputy secretary general was referring to an incident where TUCOSWA members clashed with police officers.

This incident happened last week Friday during a march organised by TUCOSWA in Mbabane. The clash between police and TUCOSWA is said to have resulted from a disagreement between the two parties on which lanes should be used when marching to deliver petitions to various government ministries.

Speaking on that matter, Mhlanga said what happened was that there was a disagreement between them and the Municipal Council of Mbabane on which lanes to be used by TUCOSWA during the march. Mhlanga's argument was that there was no agreement between them and the council. The only thing that happened was that the meeting between them and the council was ended when they had not reached an agreement on which streets to use. There was no written agreement on which streets to use when they marched in the city.

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HUNDREDS MOURN DEATH OF FIVE AT BHUNYA CARNAGE

By Observer Reporter
Mbabane

HUNDREDS of people, led by over five pastors, joined bereaved families to mourn the tragic loss of life in a road carnage that happened last Friday next to Montigny Investments at Bhunya.

Five people, four of whom were minor children, died tragically when the school bus they were travelling in was involved in a head-on collision just below the Montigny Investments' main gate.

The deceased children are Simisa Dlamini (6) of Mdonjane, Tsandziwe Mabila (5) of Bhunya, Hachaba Ameliah (5) of Zondwako and Langelihle Dlamini (7) of Kaluhleko. The driver of the kombi, Ntokozo Mayisela (29) of Mdonjane is among the deceased.

The prayer service, which was held at the Montigny Investments premises, was coordinated by the company, acting in collaboration with the inter-denominational churches of Bhunya, in an attempt to bring closure to the loss, as well as find spiritual solutions to the 'attack'.

The service took place on Wednesday and was held in the company premises.

The accident comes in the wake of a spate of other road traffic accidents within the Bhunya road network, including one involving a truck that ran down two brothers at Malutha.

Devastated by the extent and magnitude of the accident, Montigny's management, surrounding churches, and the families of the deceased deemed it necessary to convene a prayer session aimed at soliciting divine intervention.

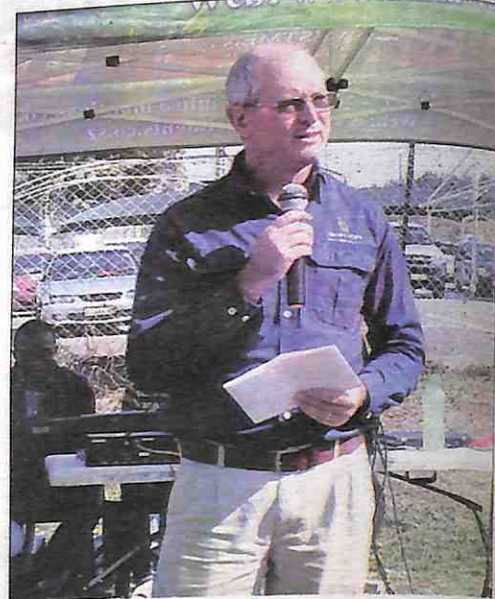
Speaking on behalf Montigny Investments, Steve Duplesis comforted the families who lost



THE BIBLE SAYS: Reverend Thokozani Dlamini shares the Word of God during the prayer service. **CENTRE - SAD MOMENT:** Luyanda Hachaba's uncle leaving emotionally devastated after representing the Hachaba family. **RIGHT - WE CARE:** Montigny representative Steve Duplesis addresses mourners during the prayer service held at the company premises.

their loved ones, stating that life was a precious gift from the Lord.

He said his company shared the loss of the bereaved families as a corporate neighbour that felt responsible for neighbouring communities. "As a company that operates in the affected communities, Montigny Investments would like to pass our sincerest condolences to the bereaved families, friends and relatives, as well as everyone who was affected by such a predicament. As we all know, life is a precious gift from God and we know that He is equally affected by such occurrences. As a company, our hearts go out to those affected, and it is our prayer that God comforts the bereaved," Duplesis said.



Before leading a mass prayer, Reverend Dan Mavuso said the spate of accidents in the Bhunya road network suggested the involvement of the powers of darkness.

He reminded mourners that there was a time when similar accidents were common, but believers appealed to God and there was a prolonged period when the accidents no longer happened. He suspected that Christians had stopped praying, attributing the recurrences of road accidents to this.

"Today, I appeal to everyone who is here to pray along with me. We can only win against the enemy when we pray together." After Mavuso made this declaration, mourners prayed for more than 10 minutes, pouring their hearts out to God

to intervene in what was largely seen as Satan's attack on road users.

This reporter was later taken to the accident scene, where it was explained in graphic detail how it happened. This information matches a police report issued shortly after the accident.

"One truck driver recklessly parked his vehicle in the middle of the lane on a 60km zone, right at the turn, making it impossible for vehicles in front or behind to have a clear view beyond it. Another truck that was following from behind was compelled to switch lanes in a bid to overtake the parked vehicle. As the truck overtook the parked vehicle, it collided head-on with an on-coming school children-in-transit kombi, resulting in the accident," said a ranger.



MADVUDVU: Author Thwala, who represented the Manzini Regional Education Officer, making his remarks, while Malkerns Police Station Commander Dumsani Dube spoke on behalf of NatCom.



We forgive truck driver – families

THE families of the children and kombi driver who died in the Bhunya carnage which occurred last Friday, publicly declared that they had forgiven the driver of the truck who caused the accident.

Led by the grandfather of six-year-old Langelihle, Absalom Dlamini, himself a man of the cloth, all the speakers concurred that holding grudges against the driver, Albert Kunene, who inexplicably parked his Scania truck in the middle of the road, would not bring back the deceased. Kunene has since been convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment, with an option of E3 000 fine.

"As the Dlamini family, we are extremely devastated by the loss of Langelihle, my grandson. However, we are harbouring no grudges against those responsible. In actual fact, the Dlamini family solemnly forgives the truck driver who caused the accident that led to our son's death," Dlamini, who is also the A.E.C mission's schools grantee, said.

Echoing Dlamini's words, a relative who spoke on behalf of Simisa Dlamini's family, thanked the company and the hundreds of mourners who had supported them, before stating that they had seen it wise to forgive the truck driver.

"Simisa was the only boy child in the family, and we all celebrated his birth. He was named



FORGIVENESS IS KEY: A family representative of one of the deceased.

Simisa because we believed that, as a boy, he would grow up and support his parents, as well as maintain the family name through posterity. However, as fate would have it, this was not to be," she said to sighs of sadness from the mourners.

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AS we wrap up the beautiful future leaders event, it is worth mentioning that the youth who attended this year's 7th Annual Future Leaders Youth Summit at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), Nairobi, Kenya, will never be the same.

Moreso, their mindset and approach when it comes to African affairs will forever be different, thanks to the Global Business Roundtable for coming up with such an initiative, of holistically developing young people from all walks of life for them to ensure that they realise their purpose.



CAUCUS: Excellences having brief chats before the summit started.



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- Mpaka- Malindza Primary School, third Thursday of every month
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1877 - Alexander Graham Bell, Gardiner Greene Hubbard, Thomas Sanders and Thomas Watson formed the Bell Telephone Company.

1878 - The corn cob pipe was patented by Henry Tibbe.

1900 - The Commonwealth of Australia was established by an act of the British Parliament, uniting the separate colonies under a federal government.

1922 - Johnny Weissmuller became the first person to swim the 100 meters freestyle in less than a minute.

1935 - Norman Bright ran the two mile event in the record time of nine minutes, 13.2 seconds at a meet in New York City.

1943 - American and British forces made an amphibious landing on Sicily.

1947 - The engagement of Britain's Princess Elizabeth to Lt. Philip Mountbatten was announced.

1951 - US President Truman asked Congress to formally end the state of war between the United States and Germany.

1953 - New York Airways began the first commuter passenger service by helicopter.

1968 - The first All-Star baseball game to be played indoors took place at the Astrodome in Houston, TX.

1971 - The United States turned over complete responsibility of the Demilitarised Zone to South Vietnamese units.

1985 - Herschel Walker of the New Jersey Generals was named the Most Valuable Player in the United States Football League (USFL).

1985 - Joe Namath signed a five-year pact with ABC-TV to provide commentary for "Monday Night Football".

1997 - Mike Tyson was banned from the boxing ring and fined \$3 million for biting the ear of opponent Evander Holyfield.

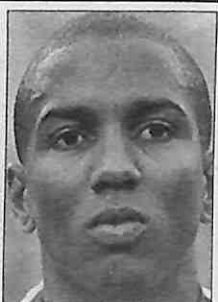
2005 - Danny Way, a daredevil skateboarder, rolled down a large ramp and jumped across the Great Wall of China. He was the first person to clear the wall without motorised aid.

2015 - The South Carolina House of Representatives approved taking down the Confederate flag from the Capitol grounds. The flag was removed the next day and taken to a state military museum.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Meg Delacy - Movie Actress - (July 9, 1996) - 22 Years Old



Ashley Young - Soccer Player (July 9, 1985) - 33 Years Old

HOW YOUNG ACTIVISTS ARE KEEPING MANDELA'S LEGACY ALIVE ACROSS AFRICA

LAST month, at a conference on African Inequalities co-organised by our school and the London School of Economics, the first audience question came from a young woman.

Why, she asked, was the graduate school relaunching as the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance when Mandela's legacy of appeasement entrenched much of apartheid's economic structures?

Her question, despite its narrow context, echoes the broader concerns of many students and young people struggling to reconcile the present need for meaningful transformation with Mandela's first steps towards its possibility.

This demand for a more critical view of his legacy troubles some who are intent on preserving the Madiba mythology or those who are focused only on his remarkable personal and moral qualities. Young people are too radical, too eager to break instead of consolidate, the arguments go.

But I believe there's a healthy debate to be heard about his legacy. And only by looking back at it through fresh eyes will it be possible to extract what's valuable. And for young people to build on the best of what he achieved.

Mandela's greatest legacy is much broader than the merits – or otherwise – of his policy decisions which were constrained by the circumstances of his times. His central legacy was the example he set of bold, self-sacrificing yet ethical and accountable leadership. Mandela's leadership is a beacon for our times, all over Africa. Increasingly, young people across the continent are taking up Mandela's challenge. Some are already leading powerful civic and political organisations and campaigns. For example, Sampson Itodo has successfully spearheaded a campaign to benefit young Nigerians seeking political office.

He is one among many innovative and effective young Africans.

Youth activism is critical in this challenging era, when Africa is both the youngest continent and the poorest.



LEGEND: Nelson Mandela's greatest legacy is much broader than the merits – or otherwise – of his policy decisions which were constrained by the circumstances of his times. (eNCA)

est.

Reasons for optimism

Itodo is executive director of YIAGA, an advocacy group that promotes young people getting involved in governance. He also convened the Not Too Young To Run movement, which spent years petitioning the Nigerian government to change constitutional constraints on the age limits of those running for office.

I first met Sampson in 2016 when he was a participant in our school's Emerging African Leaders Programme – one of many offered for emerging African leaders from mid-career civil servants to high level experts. Known as the Graduate School of Development Policy and Practice, our work has always been inspired by the urgent call Mandela made at the University of Cape Town in 1990 to (transform) centres of learning into institutions that have relevance to the future of the country and the continent.

Sampson was one of 30 participants on the programme that year,

drawn from 10 African countries. Among them was a Ugandan transitional justice coordinator, a South African human rights lawyer, a Kenyan food security activist and a Zimbabwean public health programme director focusing on eliminating malaria.

Despite their geographical and occupational differences, they were all passionate about creating and sustaining meaningful change – in their countries and across the continent. Investing in young leaders creates the kind of legacy I believe Mandela himself would have been delighted by: a living memorial, carried out by young, politically-engaged people pushing the imagination of what our continent can and should look like.

Actions speak louder than words

Mandela knew that actions spoke louder than words. This is evident from the fact that he was remarkably disinterested in preserving the heroic cult built around him. He left explicit instructions, routinely ignored, that he should not be treated as a

demi god and that no statues or monolithic structures should be erected in his memory.

On May 31 this year, Sampson's bill was passed overwhelmingly in the Nigerian Senate and House of Representatives. President Muhammadu Buhari signed it into law. Any Nigerian from the age of 35 years can now run for President, and from 25 years for the House or State Assembly.

Although he drove the process, Sampson did not achieve this remarkable feat alone. He did it through two years of concerted, strategic mobilisation of young people who cared about representation and wanted a voice in a political system they felt had failed them. For Sampson, as for so many young people on the continent, Mandela's legacy of belief in the power of youth action is alive and well.

Alan Hirsch, Professor and Director of The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town
The Conversation.

Playing with people's hopes

WATCHING the scenes at the land hearings over the past two weeks has been to witness cynical cruelty at its worst.

The expressions on the faces of people in the long queues outside the venues have had one word written on them: hope. Their singing and patience speaks of enthusiasm for the process. Their impassioned speeches inside the halls speak of how much faith they have in this process. The emotions in the crackling shows show their belief that the promised land is just over the next mountain.

As a democracy, one has to respect and give space to processes overseen by the national legislature, which is the constitutionally established assembly of the people. In this case, Parliament voted overwhelmingly to establish the Joint Constitutional Review Committee to evaluate section 25 of

the nation's founding document. The purpose of the work of the committee is to assess whether it is necessary to amend the Constitution to "make it possible for the state to expropriate land in the public interest without compensation". And so the multi-party committee is criss-crossing the nation to hear the views of ordinary and not-so-ordinary South Africans on the subject. After that, the process will move to Parliament, where expert opinions and the views of lobby groups and political formations will be heard. At some point, the national legislature will process the information at its disposal, debate the issue at length and possibly vote. If the amendment passes, it will be subjected to all manner of constitutional tests, and most likely court challenges by those who believe it strays from the Bill of Rights. The Constitutional Court itself will

have to have a view.

But, for now, the show is on the road and very little of it has to do with rational and fact-based arguments. It is mostly raw emotion. Many of the speeches are about settling scores from the colonial wars and the apartheid era rather than a discussion about the amendment to the Constitution, which was adopted by the Constitutional Assembly in which the liberation movement had an overwhelming majority. A lot of the angry inputs do not seem to take into account that this state has, for 24 years, been run by a former liberation movement that has put in place very advanced laws on land reform, redistribution and restitution. Laws that it has dismally failed to implement. News24 reported this week on how a Nkululeku Chabalala, who attended the hearings in Middelburg, Mpumalanga, talked about how the Constitution should be changed so that land can be returned to black people. "We can't have a

law that protects thieves. Why should black people provide reasons for returning land when it was stolen from us in the first place? The Constitution must make provision for black people," said Chabalala. His sentiment echoed that of many who have attended the hearings in the belief that the process is a high-speed highway to getting the land back and thus opening the door to prosperity. And yet, as we all know, this is just one big cynical exercise in political manipulation. The people who have showed up at the hearings have been led to believe the amendment to this dreaded section 25 is the panacea for all their ills. Many have been waiting for ages for land restitution and land reform to either hand them back the properties of their forebears or give them a foot in the agricultural sector. Some merely want decent residential land on which they can build a roof over their heads and enjoy dignity. *City Press*

NEW HEALTHCARE PLAN PROMISES TO OVERHAUL SA'S MASSIVELY SKEWED SYSTEM

SINCE 1994, South Africa has invested substantial resources in health care services.

As a result, it has made significant health gains. For example, nearly four million people get HIV treatment and mother-to-child transmission has nearly been eliminated.

Service delivery has also been significantly expanded to more than 4 000 health facilities. And there's been a large increase in the number of health care professionals.

But health care needs aren't static. For example, non-communicable diseases like diabetes and hypertension are now responsible for more deaths than HIV and TB combined. And in some instances, successes have created challenges. For example, the expansion of HIV treatment has meant that there's now a large cohort of chronic patients requiring ongoing care. In addition, the reality of a largely youthful population requires interventions so that health gains aren't lost.

Health services in South Africa are delivered by a large public health system as well as very sophisticated (and profitable) private health providers. Funding in the public sector has declined progressively for the past six years. The result is that public health services are under increasing strain and unable to deliver adequate care to poor people, particularly those living in rural areas. The private sector has also been under pressure. This has led to price hikes, making many medical aid schemes unaffordable. Membership numbers aren't growing, partly due to the country's very high unemployment levels—medical aid membership is linked to formal employment. The result has been even more pressure on the public sector.

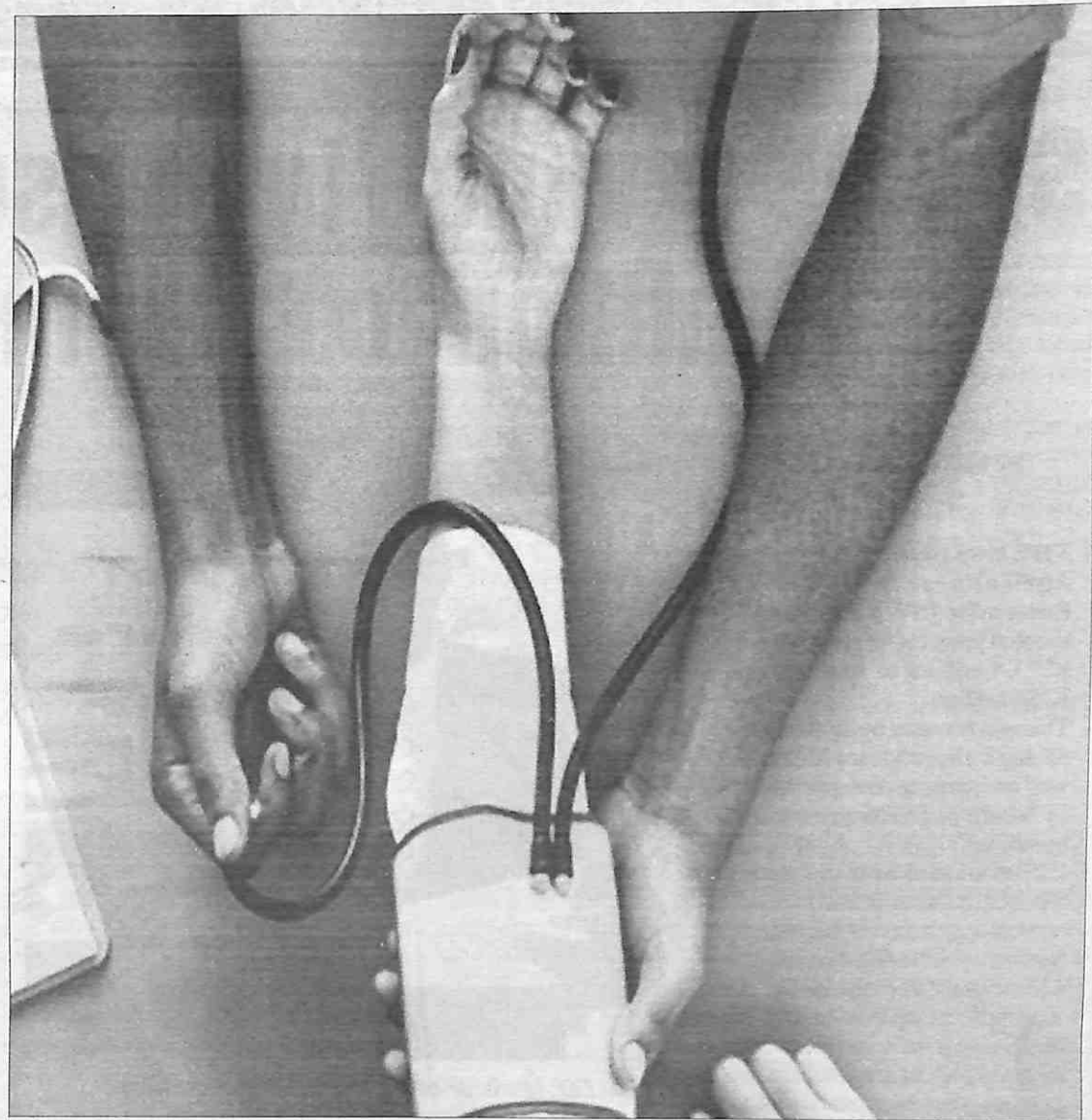
Reform is clearly needed. All that's in dispute is what it should look like. The release of the National Health Insurance Bill is the government's answer to the problem. The central plank of the plan is a National Health Insurance Fund that will buy health care services from health professionals and deliver through both public and private facilities. The Bill has been met with a raft of criticism, included funding concerns and the fact that it won't fix the collapsing public system. But I believe that more fundamental questions need to be asked: does it address the goal of delivering universal access to health care for all South Africans? And can it do it in a way that doesn't incur catastrophic expenditure?

The answer to these two questions I believe is yes.

Breaking with the past

Despite the Bill's flaws, it has two great merits.

The first is that it addresses the country's current approach to health care where the quality and type of services people receive is informed



CHANGE: The proposed National Health Insurance Bill aims to provide healthcare for all South Africans. (Google)

more by their socio-economic status rather than their need for care. Instead, it adopts a population-based approach. This means that budgets would be allocated based on how many people live in an area and what their disease profiles and health care needs were.

If properly implemented, this approach would result in lower health costs over time because diseases like diabetes and hypertension could be detected earlier and health conditions would be managed more efficiently.

It's second major merit is that it looks at health services through three vantage points:

- what services are needed,
- who needs them, and
- who will deliver them.

This means that it separates who procures the health services from those who will deliver them.

A change of focus

The Bill also promises to transform the way money is spent on health care, because it's premised on separating the procurement and the provision of health care services. This has two benefits. Firstly, it will mean that health budgets are allocated more efficiently based on health needs rather than purely on use. Secondly, it can potentially unlock significant savings through strategic procurement.

The country spends just under a half a trillion rand on public and private health care combined. But the funds aren't allocated and spent efficiently. For example, nearly half of the money that goes to primary care services is being spent on managing chronic HIV patients. While spending to maintain access to HIV care is important, funds need to be allocated to dealing non-communicable diseases which are becoming an increasingly significant public health threat.

The private sector services has its own set of problems. Chief among them is that its approach is curative—that is treating people in hospitals—rather than preventative.

The Bill envisages that primary health care facilities will become the main point of entry for all patients.

Greater equity

There's another benefit to the proposed scheme: a more equitable spread of services.

There are currently over 4 000 public health facilities that service over 80 per cent of the population's primary health care needs. In the private sector, there are close to 5 000 general practitioners who service the health care needs of only 16 per cent of the population. And most are concentrated in urban areas.

People in rural areas are, therefore, largely dependent on an ailing under resourced public sector.

At the centre of the proposed universal health care system is the promise that everyone will have access to health care where they need it without incurring vast expenses.

By consolidating the health market, the Bill opens the door to more equitably allocate resources.

If it's successfully implemented, this approach offers a real opportunity to address the country's grossly unequal access to health services.

A marathon, not a sprint

The national health insurance should be seen as an opportunity to bring about much needed health care reform in South Africa. But South Africans need to wake up to the fact that implementing this highly complex new system will be more like running a marathon rather than a sprint. The final implementation of the national health insurance is still a long way off—another two phases are planned. And the release of the Bill is also only the first legislative step. Over the next four years, 12 additional pieces of legislation are expected to be introduced. South Africans should be prepared to be patient.

Russell Rensburg, Programme Manager Health Systems and Policy, University of the Witwatersrand
The Conversation.

Wit and Wisdom

● "It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

— Anne Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*

● "There is some good in this world, and it's worth fighting for."

— JRR Tolkien, *The Two Towers*

"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all."

— Emily Dickinson

● "There is neither happiness nor misery in the world; there is only the comparison of one state with another, nothing more. He who has felt the deepest grief is best able to experience supreme happiness. We must have felt what it is to die, Morrel, that we may appreciate the enjoyments of life."

"Live, then, and be happy, beloved children of my heart, and never forget, that until the day God will deign to reveal the future to man, all human wisdom is contained in these two words, 'Wait and Hope.'"

— Alexandre Dumas

● "They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for."

— Tom Bodett

● "If you're reading this... Congratulations, you're alive. If that's not something to smile about, then I don't know what is."

— Chad Sugg, *Monsters Under Your Head*

● "The world is indeed full of peril, and in it there are many dark places; but still there is much that is fair, and though in all lands love is now mingled with grief, it grows perhaps the greater."

— JRR Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*

● "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

— Holy Bible: King James Version

● "You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore."

— William Faulkner

● "Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect."

— Margaret Mitchell

● "But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
First National Bank	
Inflation Rate	4.8%
Central Statistical Office	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
Swaziland Building Society	
Bank Rate	7.0%
Central Bank	
Petrol (u)	E13.30 per litre
Replacement	E13.35 per litre
Diesel	E13.35 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.65 per litre
Engen Garage	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 05 JULY 2018

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.1906	14.2406
British Pound/SZL	18.7742	18.8403
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.7679	7.7932
Swiss France/SZL	14.3094	14.3540
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3268	1.3386
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.4613	10.5010
Canadian Dollar/SZL	10.7979	10.8326
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	16.5916	16.6501
Gold	1,254.8500	
Oil	76.5800	

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SWADE revenue increases from E273 million to E380 million

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE Swaziland Water and Agricultural Development Enterprise (SWADE) implemented projects increased from E273.4 million to an excess of E380 million.

This was revealed by the Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati, who was speaking during the launch of Nzameya chiefdom development plan.

Vilakati said over the years, SWADE has strengthened its development approach, which is the cornerstone of achieving such impact. The company, according to Vilakati, has impacted the lives of over 80 000 people from in and around the targeted project areas where the company has been mandated to operate.

According to Vilakati, the company has performed very well despite operating significantly in the Lowveld because of being the most drought stricken area of the



REVEALED: Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati.

country. The projects have performed well, resulting in increased income generation for beneficiaries and the country at large.

In addition, Vilakati said amongst many other projects recently entrusted

upon SWADE is the smallholder market led project, drawing from the SWADE mandate. This project also aims to fight poverty and food insecurities through investments supporting increased

agricultural production, productivity and commercialisation of smallholder agriculture while maintaining and sustaining a resilient environment.

Vilakati said it was through this project that the development plan was supported and SWADE, through government's support, would continue to mobilise funding from both local and international financial sources for supporting community based business opportunities. The minister further said the work that has been carried out during chiefdom development planning has been critical, not only in ensuring that the emerging development activities were aligned with the aspirations of the community and the traditional leadership but also to enable smallholder agriculture to be commercialised.

Vilakati thanked all partners involved and the smallholder market led project under SWADE who have worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone participate in the development of the plan and will be at the forefront.

LISTERIOSIS SCARE HITS THE COUNTRY AGAIN

By Majaha Nkonyane

WITH less than a month after the Minister of Agriculture Moses Vilakati announced the lift on the ban of processed meats, he has again raised an alarm on the devastating disease known as Listeriosis.

The minister was speaking during the official opening of Bazara dipping tank No. 22 in the Hhohho region under Mayiwane sub-station on Thursday last week.

Vilakati warned the nation that more Listeriosis cases were expected, despite last month announcing the unbanning of processed meats.

This, according to Vilakati, is because the products have a long shelf life and it is possible that despite the recall, some products have not been removed from the retail or consumers' homes.

Vilakati also said consumers should take extra care when buying these processed meats. Currently, the number of confirmed cases of Listeriosis are 1 053 with 212 deaths. This comes after the



minister on June 13 announced a lift on the ban of processed meats.

The lifting of the ban at Eswatini came after investigations carried out in South Africa on affected areas and sources revealed that only the three companies; Tiger Brands, Enterprise Foods and RCL Foods were affected by the outbreak. Other processed meats manufacturers were cleared from the

outbreak.

The initial ban came after Tiger Brands, Enterprise Foods and RCL Foods were identified as the main cause of the outbreak as several laboratory tests conducted in South Africa confirmed the outbreak as having come from the trio's factories.

The lift of the ban, according to Vilakati, is not an opportunity for

the country to import processed meat as they will treat each import request with merit.

Listeriosis, the infection caused by the bacteria, causes flu-like symptoms, nausea, diarrhoea and infection of the blood and brain.

It poses a higher risk to newborns, the elderly, pregnant women and people with weak immune systems.

ONLY 16 PER CENT HAVE TRAINING BUDGETS - CIC



FORMAL: Minister of Public Works and Transport Lindiwe Dlamini speaking at CIC conference at The George Hotel. (Courtesy Pics)

Stories by Majaha Nkonyane

ACCORDING to a skills gap survey conducted by the construction industry council (CIC) for the construction industry in the country, only 16 per cent of the 537 construction establishments surveyed have a training budget for their employees.

This was revealed by Altersol Consulting agent Thulasizwe Dlodlu, who was making a presentation at the George Hotel on Thursday. Dlodlu said a majority of companies did not fund off-the-job training in the past year, citing lack of funds as the major reason. Dlodlu further explained that when it came to platforms for enhanced performance and human resource systems, fewer companies seemed to provide all their employees with written job descriptions, with others indicating that part of their staff have been provided with job descriptions. In addition, according to Dlodlu, it appears that the funding of staff training towards nationally recognised trainings is not widely appreciated as only 15 per cent of respondents said they

were doing this, the majority of which were micro to small organisations.

Dlodlu also said, the survey revealed that most of the funded employees were studying towards certificates, diplomas and vocational/technical qualifications, and 14 per cent was directed at degree or higher qualifications. 77 per cent of respondents who funded training in the past year said they would fund training if funds permitted and staff were willing to go for training, signalling the need and space for training initiatives in the industry.

Dlodlu also revealed that the survey results had brought to the surface that fewer construction establishments conducted training needs assessments and as such their understanding of the extent of the skills challenges or endowment in their respective organizations and the industry as a whole could be severely compromised.

Furthermore, Dlodlu said 57 per cent of the did not conduct annual performance reviews for staff at all. Dlodlu also said this had a negative impact in the quest to improve skills and proficiency levels for staff in the industry.



EXPRESSING: Altersol Consulting agent Thulasizwe Dlodlu speaking at the event.



FOCUSED: These attendants joined the presentation.

Infrastructure and housing development expected to grow

The skills gap survey has revealed that demand for infrastructure and housing development, which is expected to increase in the next 10 years, this was based on the trends from the last 10 to 15 years.

Altersol's Thulasizwe Dlodlu said the projects lined up by the public sector indicated growth in year-on-year expenditure in construction, which signal a guaranteed need for construction related skills to match the demand. According to Dlodlu, the supply of

skills from training institutions fell short of industry expectations. Dlodlu said none of the local institutions supplied degree holding graduates and the alignment of the graduates to industry requirements needs improvement. The survey according to Dlodlu revealed

that based on the existing skills base, the industry needs more qualified and experienced engineers, steel workers, project managers and quantity surveyors in order to match the demand for such skills. While at present, the gap is not so vivid, the trend shows

that in the next 10 years, there will be a shortage of the skills enlisted above.

Dlodlu said registration with the CIC should be made more affordable in order to encourage more registration of artisans and construction establishments. This will lead to more active participation in CIC initiatives, including training and development, and other research initiatives by the CIC.



JUBILANT: These three men had something to laugh about while the conference was ongoing.



NOT DISTURBED: Some of the attendants glued to the stage.

CODEC to be a co-operative college in 2023

By Majaha Nkonyane

IN a move to formalise the Co-operative sector in the country, the co-operative Development Centre (CODEC) based in Ezulwini is to be turned into a co-operative college in 2023.

This came after a three day strategic plan review workshop that was held

from July 4 to July 6 at the centre.

Die Genossenschaften's organisational development practitioner Bongamusa Ntuli from South Africa said the process to turn the centre into a college would take a five year period after going through accreditation. Ntuli said the college would have tailor-made programmes that would help shape the future of co-operatives in the country.

Commissioner of Co-operatives Nonhlanhla Mnisi said the exercise marked a new era for the entire cooperative movement. Mnisi said the original mandate of the proposed college was to grow cooperative education in the country.

Mnisi also said the instrument that they were developing would be used to rebrand the institution to ensure that it was fully utilised for the benefit of

its intended clientele. With the full support of the department and government, the college will implement the strategy so that the cooperative movement may regain its trust to the fullest.

Executive manager at SACCO (Swaziland Association of Savings and Credit Cooperatives) Grace Dlodlu said the proposed college would be training students for two years who will be practicing as professionals to become

cooperative officers.

According to Dlodlu, for now they will be training the board of directors, which need to be in a good position to run the college with knowledge and understanding of what will be taught. Dlodlu said they were also engaging major stakeholders for now so to have a balanced idea on what was needed.

She said the cooperative movement in the county was growing at a fast pace, as they were currently saving E1.7 billion annually and this was an indication that they needed professionals on the ground.

WE'LL EASE YOUR MONEY PAINS IN TWO WEEKS - RAMAPHOSA

JOHANNESBURG - In two weeks' time, the public can expect a package of economic measures to help alleviate the economic pain caused by the high fuel price and recent VAT increase, Cyril Ramaphosa said on Friday.

A panel of stakeholders from the economic cluster is tasked with coming up with a package to ease the financial burden on ordinary people. The president was addressing government and business leaders ahead of the Brics summit set to take place later in the month.

He announced he had placed a panel of stakeholders from the economic cluster in charge of coming up with a package to help ease the economic pain of ordinary South Africans.

Ramaphosa acknowledged on behalf of gov-

ernment that the effects of the fuel price increases, caused by the significant knock the rand took recently, along with other factors, had been a shock to many South Africans, particularly the poor, who felt the impact of rising living costs the most.

"We will be announcing a package of measures to ease the burden of the price increase. This would include the finalisation of VAT-exempt products. 'I will ask the ministers in the economic cluster to finalise the package in a matter of two weeks,' Ramaphosa said.

The president has asked retailers and those in the transport sector to wait for the plan to be drafted before raising their prices.

The petrol price, which is now at more than

R16 a litre, has been on the rise since April, following Road Accident Fund and fuel levy increases.

In the same month, former finance minister Malusi Gigaba announced the country's first VAT increase in 24 years, from 14 to 15 per cent, which has increased inflation and made the lives of South Africans even tougher.

According to current Finance Minister, Nhlamhla Nene, the panel that will be putting together the package met on Thursday night.

"Its mandate had been expanded to look into the effects of the fuel price," Nene said.

"I think everyone realises that the people are suffering, therefore, there is a need to address the matter with urgency." *Citizen*



SARS VAT tax collections surge ahead of forecast

JOHANNESBURG - The effects of the one per cent hike in the rate of VAT, effective on April 1, in the first two months of the 2018/19 tax year was evident, with tax collections for the period up significantly from a year ago.

The latest statement of national revenue, expenditure and borrowing at May 31 posted on the Treasury website shows that VAT collections for April and May were up 17.6 per cent to R47.7bn compared with R40.6bn in April and May last year.

This is ahead of the forecast rate of increase in VAT collections for the full 2019 year of R348.1bn or an increase of almost 17 per cent on the R298bn raised in the 2018 tax year.

The budget speech in February announced R36bn in extra taxes for the 2019 tax year, including an increase in the VAT rate from 14 per cent to 15 per cent, which is expected to contribute R23bn to the extra taxes.

Gross tax collections for April and May were R164.5bn, up 10.3 per cent from the R149.2bn collected in April and May 2017. This is marginally behind the increase of 10.6 per cent required in tax revenues for the 2019 tax year to achieve a full-year target, set out in the budget speech earlier this year, of R1.345tn.

Acting SA Revenue Service (SARS) Commissioner Mark Kingon said this week that he couldn't comment on the latest tax revenue figures issued by the Treasury as he hadn't reviewed them. However, he said June had been an important month for the tax collection agency, especially when it came to company income tax and provisional tax payments. SARS' tax collections determine how government taxes affect state finances, including the budget deficit and the country's credit rating, which affects borrowing rates. *Fin24*

WhatsApp details Eskom's spy game

JOHANNESBURG - Former Eskom executive Matshela Koko allegedly connived with a Mpumalanga man to get one of his colleagues fired at the state-owned enterprise.

Koko had previously denied any link to Eskom employee Mandla Mokoena, who allegedly hired three men to spy on Group Capital executive Abram Masango and other Eskom officials stationed at Kusile Power Station, to find any "dirt" on them that could lead to their removal from the power utility.

One of the men, whose name is known to City Press, deposed a two-page affidavit at Witbank Police Station on March 14. In the document, he alleged that he was tasked with spying and was paid by eWallet for his services.

City Press obtained a series of WhatsApp exchanges between Koko and Mokoena, which appear to substantiate the claims made in the affidavit that details espionage and mud-slinging at Eskom.

The affidavit, written by the man who claims he was recruited by Mokoena and also worked with other people Koko allegedly hired to target Masango, alleges that the spying crew was in operation for four months.

Masango became a target at the corruption-riddled power utility after he blew the whistle on rampant corruption to former board chairperson Ben Ngubane last year.

Early this year, Masango testified before Parliament's Eskom inquiry about how Ngubane compromised his safety by informing Koko that he had submitted a report to him.

He also told Parliament about how Koko intimidated him. He testified that Koko called him to a meeting at Melrose Arch in Johannesburg in March 2015 and introduced him to Gupta lieutenant Salim Essa, the majority shareholder of Trillion Capital, which was paid more than R500 million by the power utility without doing any work.

Although Masango was eventually charged with corruption, a disciplinary hearing cleared him of any wrongdoing about two months ago.

The affidavit's writer said he and two other spy recruits were tasked with conducting a smear campaign against and ruining the careers of Masango, Kusile Power Station Project Manager Aubrey Mzobe, Project Director Frans Sithole and Stability Manager Mphahlewe Nkabinde, as well as communication and community liaison company Vitrovian Trading and Projects (Pty) Ltd and its directors. *Fin24*

VW will launch electric car-sharing service in 2019

DURBAN - The Volkswagen Group will be launching an electric car-sharing service called WE in Germany.

After being launched in Germany in 2019, the car-sharing service will be moving to other major cities including Europe, Asia and North America in 2020.

The car-sharing services entire fleet will be electric cars, said the VW Group.

A statement from Volkswagen board member for sales Jurgen Stackmann said they are sure that there is still potential in the car-sharing market.

Stackmann added that is why they are going into this market with a complete single-source concept that covers mobility needs from the quick journey that takes just a few minutes to the long vacation trip.

WE has more features than just car-sharing. They will in the beginning focus on the electric cars and later

include other modes of transport like scooters.

The car company sees the WE platform doing more than just car-sharing. They also want customers to use the car-sharing service, rent a scooter and even pay for parking.

VW also see WE being linked to MOIA, their mobility company that has launched a ride-sharing service with an all-electric shuttle vehicle. The all-electric car debuted last year has been created with enough space for up to six people.

UMI (Urban Mobility International) will be managing the vehicle-on-demand services on the WE platform. UMI is a subsidiary of VW AG that started operating in 2018.

Renault is partnering with the Paris government to give Parisians access to electric cars. Currently, they have deployed a fleet of electric cars that Paris residents can use 24/7.

The partnership between the car company and Paris is an effort to end the sales of new diesel and gasoline cars.

Cars are set aside for long journeys and are kept in designated parking lots and can only be accessed via special stations. Cars created for shorter distances will be accessible with the stations. *Business Report Online*



'VBS paid bribes to PIC, PRASA officials'

JOHANNESBURG - The "epic" scale of the alleged fraud perpetrated at VBS Mutual Bank is detailed in an explosive new affidavit by VBS curator Anoosh Rooplal, including the wanton creation of millions in fake deposits and bribes paid to politicians and "senior officials" of the Public Investment Corporation (PIC) and the Passenger Rail Agency of SA (PRASA) to get them to deposit public money in the bank.

The directors of VBS Mutual Bank and its majority owner, Vele Investments, stole more than R1.5bn from the bank's depositors, claims the affidavit. It accompanied an urgent application to liquidate Vele, which was filed on Friday. Applications to sequester the bank's executives will follow shortly.

Most of the shocking details come from evidence provided by VBS's former treasurer, Phopi

Mukhodobwane, who revealed how he and his colleagues allegedly pillaged depositors' money.

He also provided evidence of the patronage network built to keep money flowing into the bank.

An unnamed 'senior executive' of the PIC allegedly received a suitcase stuffed with R5m in cash. In return, the PIC gave VBS a R350m credit facility meant to fund VBS's tender finance business. VBS executives went on to pillage this loan by creating fake finance contracts. The amount of R1.5m was also allegedly paid to "individuals at PRASA" to facilitate a R1bn deposit which ultimately fell through.

Mukhodobwane's evidence also appears to implicate the ANC's Limpopo Treasurer, Daniel Msiza, and the ANC Youth League's Gauteng leader, Kabelo Matsepe. On December 22 2017, a company owned by Matsepe was paid R1.5m via a

shelf company that Mukhodobwane says was used to channel bribes.

In messages between VBS executives, they discuss 'Kabelo' as well as 'Bra Danny' in relation to their help with facilitating municipal deposits into VBS. City Press reported earlier how Msiza received a R9.5m loan from VBS to buy a conference centre in Polokwane, but he said at the time that it was a normal commercial loan.

Rooplal's affidavit sheds light on the bizarre movements of money in and out of VBS into various related parties' accounts that City Press reported on two weeks ago.

The crux of the fraud was that VBS bosses, in effect, fabricated money by manually entering fictitious 'deposits' into the VBS system. These would either be transferred into their own VBS accounts from a so-called suspense account - or be simply fictitiously entered directly into their accounts and the accounts of their other companies, alleges Rooplal. *Fin24*



World News

ZIM OPPOSITION CHIEF EYES 'OBAMA EFFECT' IN HISTORIC POLL

HARARE - Zimbabwe's main opposition leader and presidential hopeful Nelson Chamisa believes he will ride a wave of youthful optimism to election victory, emulating Barack Obama, Emmanuel Macron and Justin Trudeau.

In an interview with AFP, the 40-year-old Chamisa said Zimbabweans were craving generational change in the landmark July 30 elections. The vote will pitch him against President Emmerson Mnangagwa, a septuagenarian who was once a pillar of the Mugabe regime.

"People are connecting with young leadership," Chamisa declared.

"The world is moving... young people are taking charge, look at France, look at Canada, look at New Zealand - look at the United States," he said. Barack Obama became US president aged 47, Justin Trudeau became Canadian prime minister at 43, while France's Emmanuel Macron became president at just 39.

"Most of the young people out there are connecting with our message, are connecting with my age - they are connecting with the vision I'm artic-



OBAMA MAGIC: MDC leader Nelson Chamisa.

ulating," said Chamisa.

Chamisa has led the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) since the death of his mentor and predecessor, Morgan Tsvangirai, in February.

He will face off against 75-year-old Mnangagwa, whose Zanu-PF party - which has ruled Zimbabwe

since independence 38 years ago - has sought to portray Chamisa as a political novice.

"I'm happy that they are accusing me of being young, it's an offence that I take," said Chamisa from behind an Apple laptop in his office overlooking Harare's Africa Unity Square.

The public space was once a site of major protest against former president Robert Mugabe, 94, who ruled for 37 years in which he clamped down hard on his political opponents.

"Change is in the air - it's almost everywhere," Chamisa said, suggesting that Mugabe's exit from public life was "the beginning of that change".

Mugabe resigned in November after an unprecedented military challenge to his rule that saw armoured personnel carriers on the streets of Harare and drew accusations from some observers that Zimbabwe had suffered a coup.

The army, which took control of state TV and parked its tanks in front of parliament, denied it was seeking power and insisted it was performing an operation targeting "criminals" around Mugabe.

AFP

Turkey sacks 18 500 state employees in new decree

ANKARA - Turkish authorities ordered the dismissal of more than 18 500 state employees, including police officers, soldiers and academics, in a decree published yesterday.

The Official Gazette said 18 632 people had been sacked including 8 998 police officers in the emergency decree over suspected links to terror organisations and groups that "act against national security".

Some 3 077 army soldiers were also dismissed as well as 1 949 air force personnel and 1,126 from the naval forces.

Another 1 052 civil servants from the justice ministry and linked institutions have been fired as well as 649 from the gendarmerie and 192 from the coast guard.

Authorities also sacked 199 academics, according to the new decree, while 148 state employees from the military and ministries were reinstated. Turkey has been under a state of emergency since the July 2016 attempted overthrow of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

AFP

Haiti president tells protesters 'go home' after fuel hike suspended

HAITI - Haiti's President Jovenel Moise called on protesters late on Saturday to "go home" after the suspension of a fuel price hike that triggered violent protests and left at least two dead in the Caribbean nation.

In an address broadcast on state television, Moise said he had "corrected what had to be corrected" following an about-face on the price increases earlier that day.

"As soon as you speak, I listen. Because you started sending me this message last night, I received it and corrected what had to be corrected," Moise said.

"To those watching me tonight, I ask you all: go home," he said, adding authorities had been directed to clean the streets.

The capital Port-au-Prince and its environs have stood paralysed since Friday afternoon, with major routes blocked by barricades, some made of burning tyres, and some protesters even calling for a revolution in the impoverished country.

Just before the suspension was announced, the leader of Haiti's lower house of parliament had



DESTRUCTION: Damages that were caused by the protesters during the fuel hike protest in Haiti.

threatened a government takeover if the fuel price increases were not reversed.

They had only been announced on Friday, while many Haitians were engrossed in a World Cup football match. "If there is no response within two hours, the government will be considered as having resigned." AFP

Six Thai schoolboys rescued from flooded cave

CHIANG RAI - Six of 12 schoolboys have been rescued so far from a flooded Thai cave after divers launched a daring and dangerous mission to free the children and their soccer coach, who were trapped underground for more than two weeks, Thai officials said.

"I have received information that six have exited the cave", a senior member of the rescue team told Reuters.

Thirteen foreign divers and five



members of Thailand's elite navy SEAL unit are trying to bring the rest of the boys - some as young as 11 and weak swimmers - through narrow, submerged passageways

that claimed the life of a former Thai navy diver on Friday. Their ordeal has drawn huge media attention in Thailand and abroad, and getting the boys out safely could be

a boost for Thailand's ruling junta ahead of a general election next year. "Today is D-Day," Narongsak Osottanakorn, head of the rescue mission, had earlier told reporters.

Bursts of heavy monsoon rain soaked the Tham Luang Cave area in northern Chiang Rai province on Sunday and storms were expected in the coming weeks, increasing the risks in what has been called a "war with water and time" to save the team.

Reuters

BRIEFS

Quest for AIDS vaccine gets hopeful boost

PARIS, FRANCE - The near 40-year quest for an AIDS vaccine received a hopeful boost on Saturday when scientists announced that a trial drug triggered an immune response in humans and shielded monkeys from infection. Shown to be safe in humans, the candidate vaccine has now advanced to the next phase of the pre-approval trial process, and will be tested in 2,600 women in southern Africa to see whether it prevents HIV infection. While the results so far have been encouraging, the research team and outside experts warn there are no guarantees it will actually work in the next trial phase dubbed HVTN705 or "Imbokodo" - the isiZulu word for "rock" AFP

West African states in joint fight

ABIDJAN - Researchers from half a dozen states in West Africa have joined together in a battle against what one expert calls a root crop "Ebola" - a viral disease that could wreck the region's staple food and condemn millions to hunger. Their enemy: cassava brown streak disease (CBSD), a virus that strikes cassava, also called manioc, which in some of the region's countries is consumed by as many as 80 per cent of the population. The root-rotting disease was first discovered in Tanzania eight decades ago and is steadily moving westwards. AFP



11 killed, seven missing as tensions rise

GOMA - Ten people were burnt to death in ethnic attacks in DR Congo's volatile east and seven fishermen were missing on Saturday in Lake Edward, where tensions have spiked with the Ugandan navy. A Congolese soldier was also killed and a civilian injured in separate clashes with Uganda's Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) rebel group in the eastern region of Beni, army spokesman Captain Mak Hazukay said. The latest violence in the restive provinces of North and South Kivu underscores the fragility of a region which has been wrecked by ethnic and rebel violence since the mid-1990s. AFP

Media head to justify gag order

CAIRO - Egyptian prosecutors have ordered the country's top media regulator to be summoned for questioning over his decision to issue a gag order on corruption allegations made against a children's cancer hospital. In a Saturday statement, the chief public prosecutor said the decision by Makram Mohammed Ahmed, head of the Supreme Council for Media Regulation, constituted an "infringement" on judicial and executive authorities. He said the gag order was null and nonbinding. Earlier, Ahmed told local media that his decision was meant to preserve the hospital's reputation pending the completion of a probe into the corruption allegations. AP

Pope sends top diplomat to DRC amid standoff

FRANCE - Pope Francis is sending a top-level diplomat to the Holy See's embassy in Democratic Republic of Congo after the Vatican was compelled to recall its ambassador earlier this year over clashes with the government of President Joseph Kabila. Monsignor Ettore Balestrero is currently the Vatican's ambassador to Colombia and had prior been the Vatican's deputy foreign minister. The Vatican said on Friday he was being dispatched to Kinshasa to "settle" the affairs of the embassy, unusual diplomatic lingo that suggests the Congolese government hasn't formally accepted the nomination. AP



Focus on SA Scene

DUDUZANE ZUMA TO BE CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION

JOHANNESBURG - Duduzane Zuma is due to appear in Johannesburg's Specialised Commercial Crime Court today where he is set to be charged with corruption.

The son of former president Jacob Zuma will be charged in connection with the role he played in trying to bribe former deputy finance minister Mcebisi Jonas - the Guptas' Saxonwold compound in October 2015.

At a meeting with Duduzane, businessman Fana Hlongwane and older Gupta brother Ajay, Jonas was allegedly offered the position of finance minister as well as a bribe of R600m.

Highly placed Hawks sources told City Press that Duduzane (34), a long-time Gupta business partner and lieutenant, will be charged with contravening the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act.

This is the first time that such a senior accused in state capture will face the law on corruption charges.

Duduzane was not supposed to have been in the dock alone, however. The accused number one was going to be Ajay Gupta, who allegedly made the bribe offer to Jonas, but he remains at large, Hawks sources told City Press.

On Thursday, Duduzane travelled back to South Africa from Dubai, where he now lives, on the same flight as his lawyer, Rudi Krause. The two travelled together after, Hawks sources



SUSPECTED: Duduzane Zuma.

believe, Krause had been consulting with Duduzane ahead of his appearance in the Randburg Magistrate's Court on Thursday on a separate charge of culpable homicide.

When they landed on Thursday evening, Duduzane was briefly detained at OR Tambo International Airport. City Press has learnt that when he handed his passport to the immigration officers, it was picked up by the system after it was placed on the Hawks' domestic watch list.

Duduzane's details had not been placed on the watch list of the International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) because Hawks officers did not want

him to get wind of the fact that he was wanted in South Africa, City Press learnt.

"The Hawks were immediately notified and officers were dispatched to the airport, where a copy of the warrant of the arrest was produced," said a senior Hawks official familiar with the details of the case.

"He immediately wanted to apply for bail, saying he was due to attend his brother's funeral on Saturday."

Another Hawks source said officers could not raise a prosecutor to assist with an immediate bail application as no one from the team leading the state capture investigation was available.

"Duduzane was released on condition that there would be further communication between the prosecution team and his lawyer regarding the arrangements of his first appearance on Monday," the officer said.

"The charges relate to the allegations of bribery made by former deputy finance minister Mcebisi Jonas, who revealed that he was offered a bribe to take the job of finance minister by the Guptas. "He [Duduzane] was supposed to appear alongside one of the Gupta brothers, Ajay, who remains on the run and remains on the watch list by the Hawks," added the officer.

Prosecutors are working feverishly this weekend to finalise the charge sheet ahead of today's appearance.

News24

SASSA accused of 'deliberately avoiding contact with public'

JOHANNESBURG - The Democratic Alliance (DA) has urged Gauteng social development MEC Nandi Mayathula-Khoza to liaise with her national counterpart to intervene to ensure that its satellite offices in Gauteng have open lines of communication with the public who are in dire need of their services.

"It seems that a vital government agency like SASSA (South African Social Security Agency) is deliberately avoiding contact with the public it is meant to serve," DA Gauteng MPL Justus de Goede said yesterday. The DA had been receiving numerous complaints from pensioners or their families looking for basic

information about services rendered by SASSA, and some were in need of urgent assistance, he said.

Many of these members of the public had mobility problems and were paying for transport without receiving services. Over a year ago, the DA revealed that none of 10 SASSA offices in Gauteng answered their phones when called. "In most cases, a recorded message informed the caller that the 'mailbox is full and cannot take any more messages', the hallmark of sloppy management," De Goede said. The DA was aware that SASSA was "wrestling with multiple problems created by an uncaring ANC-led government," he said.

African News Agency

Abused, orphaned children go hungry after R7m 'disappears'

PRETORIA - Workers at the Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa Centre in Pretoria have pointed to the mismanagement of funds following the alleged disappearance of R7 million.

The money, which comes from the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) is meant to take care of the needs of orphans, abandoned, abused, and neglected children. According to the workers, some of the children have been going to school without shoes, and have been forced to share

a packet of Marie Biscuits as their lunch. "The procurement process here is very corrupt. They claim they bought clothes to the value of R300 000, which were stolen by us, which is not true. I can tell you that the children have no winter clothes or proper school uniforms," said one employee, on condition of anonymity.

The workers said that earlier in the week they had a meeting where it was revealed that R7 million had gone missing.

The Sunday Independent

PRASA chairperson's hijacking a scare tactic - spokesperson

JOHANNESBURG - PRASA board Chairperson Khanyisile Kweyama was pepper-sprayed and bundled into the boot of her car in Houghton on Thursday.

She was later dumped unharmed in the east of Johannesburg.

Her spokesperson believes its the result of a fightback from all those looting the state-owned entity.

"From where we sit, this is a scare tactic," said Mathatha Tsedu, Kweyama's spokesperson.

"Everyone is aware that PRASA is in the middle of an investigation and this disruption is not being accepted by some people."

Kweyama was the second high-ranking PRASA official to have been kidnapped in three months.

Three months ago, PRASA's Acting CEO Lindikhaya Zide was also hijacked as he left his office.

His hijackers used the same modus operandi and only made off with his briefcase. *eNCA*



HIJACKED: PRASA Board Chairperson Khanyisile Kweyama.

Commuters unscathed in Joburg train fire

JOHANNESBURG - About 50 Johannesburg train commuters had to escape to safety when a Metrorail train caught fire in Booyssens, Johannesburg, on Saturday afternoon.

No commuters were injured when the train caught fire at around 3pm as emergency services moved in to separate the train into three parts to limit the damage. Gauteng Metrorail spokesperson Lillian Mofokeng said they suspected arson but that a conclusive investigation had been launched to establish the full facts in the matter.

"I can confirm that at approximately 3.02pm, an incident was reported where two plain trailers and a motor car carrying less than 50 commuters were on fire," said Mofokeng.

When Time Live arrived at the scene, the fire brigade was still battling to put out the fire, with all commuters having been evacuated from the train.

Times Live

Traditional leaders clash over state's decision to exclude land under chiefs' control from expropriation

JOHANNESBURG - The National House of Traditional Leaders (NHTL) has denounced the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa's (CONTRALESA) stance that all land be transferred to government through land expropriation without compensation as "unfortunate".

This was said by NHTL Chairman Ikosi Siphon Mahlangu on the sidelines of the press briefing after the House's meeting with the inter-ministerial task team set up to discuss the land question with traditional leaders. Mahlangu and the Minister of Cooperative Governance and traditional Affairs, Zweli Mkhize, announced that it was agreed that 13 per cent of South African land under the control of traditional leaders, including the Ingonyama Trust of the Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, will not be affected by land expropriation without compensation. Yet CONTRALESA announced that it agreed with the Economic Freedom Fighters that all land be transferred to the government if expropriation without compensation is implemented. Mahlangu

said CONTRALESA was out of order. "One of the resolutions we took with CONTRALESA was that the 13 per cent of the land must be transferred back to traditional leadership but the statement from CONTRALESA that we heard was that all land be transferred back to government does not talk to the agreement and resolution we took with them at a lekgotla in June," said Mahlangu. "CONTRALESA is an NGO. We [are] the National House that is part of government. We think what CONTRALESA said is an unfortunate statement because when we were in the lekgotla in Durban we took a resolution about the 13 per cent and CONTRALESA was there and agreed."

"This issue that it must be government that is a trustee of all land are the complaints that traditional leaders have been having because that is what the apartheid government was. So if government continues to be the trustee, at what stage are we going to, as traditional leaders, have the responsibility to govern our own communities?"

Times Live

INDONESIA - Women accused of being prostitutes and a man have been publicly caned in Indonesia's Aceh province - despite moves earlier this year for the punishments to be carried out in prison.

These pictures show the kneeling women and a man, who stood for his caning, grimacing in pain after being beaten for violations of the conservative state's strict Sharia code.

After being led out in front of a crowd at a stadium in the city of Lhokseumawe, the second largest city on Aceh, the two women and the man, are hit several times by a masked man wielding a cane.

It is unclear what the man was accused of but pictures show the lacerations on his back from the impact of the cane.

Earlier this year, a memorandum of understanding signed by Aceh Governor, Irwandi Yusuf and Yuspahrudin, head of the provincial Law and Human Rights office, was meant to end outdoor canings. It stipulated that caning would only take place inside prisons or other places of detention.

Adults could still witness the punishment but recording would not be allowed and the numbers of people will be much smaller than the hundreds who regularly cheered the outdoor proceedings. But the move to end public canings ran into opposition from hard-line, Islamic Defender Front. The group staged a public protest in front of the governor's office that turned violent and resulted to several people being

SUSPECTED PROSTITUTES ARE CANED

...during mass flogging that leaves man's back red raw in Indonesia's Sharia law province



ON KNEES: One of the woman kneels in front of a masked man wielding a cane in the city of Lhokseumawe, in Indonesia's Aceh province.



IN TEARS: With the masked man about to wield his cane, the woman kneels down in preparation for her beating.



GRABBED FOR PUNISHMENT: One of the two women is held by female officials before she is caned. Many of those who have been publicly caned in Aceh have been women.

arrested by the police, Australia's ABC broadcaster reported. The local head of Islamic Defender Front, Muslim at-Tahiry, said: 'Based on Islamic law, the whip should be done in public, witnessed by the believers. That is to be a lesson for the perpetrators and the people who watch it. So they really should be embarrassed. This works as a deterrent.'

The local parliament has also reject-

ed the new rule and filed a complaint to the Supreme Court in Jakarta.

'A special session of Aceh's parliament has officially decided that parliament will take legal action against the governor's decision and we will ask that the regulation be revoked,' MP Azhari Cage said. Cage said the parliament questioned the Aceh Provincial Government linking public canings with putting off investors and slow-

down in investment in the province.

'Since the law has been in force, no society or investors have protested,' he said. 'We agree that investment in Aceh should be improved but it is related to government and community support, the availability of things like electricity. This has nothing to do with the flogging.' Aceh is the only province in Muslim-majority Indonesia that practices Shariah law, a concession made

by the central government in 2001 as part of efforts to end a decades-long war for independence.

Hundreds of people have been publicly caned since the punishment was introduced in Aceh in 2005.

What were meant to be the last public last canings took place in April when a group of amorous couples and alleged sex workers were publicly beaten for breaking Islamic law. *Daily Mail*

INDONESIA - Aceh is the only province in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority country, which implements Islamic law, or Sharia.

Last year, two gay men who admitted having sex were flogged in Aceh, with each receiving 100 strokes of the cane, drawing heavy criticism from rights groups.

Gay sex is not illegal in the rest of Indonesia, which mainly follows a criminal code inherited from former colonial ruler the Netherlands.

The province of Banda Aceh began implementing Sharia law after being granted autonomy in 2001 - an attempt by the government in Jakarta to quell a long-running separatist insurgency.

Islamic laws have been strengthened since Aceh struck a peace deal with Jakarta in 2005.

People are flogged for a range of offences, including gambling, drinking alcohol, gay sex or any sexual relationship outside marriage.

More than 90 per cent of the 255 million people who live in Indonesia describe themselves as Muslim, but the vast majority practice a moderate form of the faith.

The brutal and public beatings have become more prevalent this year with a number of reported incidents of those being punished collapsing in pain on stage.

Back in September 2014, Aceh approved an anti-homosexuality law that can punish anyone caught having gay sex with 100 lashes.

After a three-decade-old separatist movement, a peace agreement signed in 2005 granted special autonomy to Aceh, at the northern tip of Sumatra, on condition that it remained part of the sprawling archipelago.

As part of that deal, Aceh won the right to be the only Indonesian province to use Islamic sharia law as its legal code.

Anybody caught engaging in consensual gay sex is punished with 100 lashes, 100 months in jail or a fine of 1 000 grammes of gold.

The law also set out punishment for sex crimes, unmarried people engaging in displays of affection, people caught found guilty of adultery and underage sex. Religious police in Aceh have been known to target Muslim women without head scarves or those wearing tight clothes, and people drinking alcohol or gambling.

Over the past decade, the central government has devolved more power to regional authorities to increase autonomy and speed up development.

Sharia law in Banda Aceh: Public lashings in Indonesia

1. TIME FOR PUNISHMENT: The man stands for his punishment, facing the crowd at the stadium. Public canings are usually attended by crowds of several hundred cheering people.

2. LACERATIONS: The man's back, showing the lacerations from where he was hit several times with the cane. Public caning has continued despite moves by the local governor for the punishments to be carried out in prison.

Engaging in homosexual acts is not a crime under Indonesia's national criminal code but remains taboo in many conservative parts of the country with the world's largest Muslim population.

The trend appeared to be slowing down after a string of worrying incidents at the turn of the new year, but the new pictures reveal the practice still looms large in Indonesia.

Men and women have collapsed in pain due to the severity of their injuries and people can be caned for something as innocent as standing too close to a partner in public or being seen alone with someone they are not married to.

In the past two years or so, MailOnline has reported on the troubling rising trend of public lashings carried out in Aceh, Indonesia:

March 1, 2016: Woman whipped 50 times for spending time alone with a man at the age of 19.

March 24, 2016: Young woman carried from the stage on a stretcher after being lashed for sex outside marriage.

August 1, 2016: Another woman is lashed for going on a date in Aceh.

August 15, 2016: Elderly man caned for breaking Sharia law.

September 11, 2016: Man and a woman lashed for having an affair and among the gathered crowd is the mayor of Banda Aceh.

October 17, 2016: Muslim woman screams out in pain on stage after being lashed 23 times for standing too close to her boyfriend.

Daily Mail



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HIPNOTIK FESTIVAL ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

Stories by Nokwanda Sibandze

THE last day of the Hipnotik Festival was 'lit' as the new generation would say.

Having started on a high note on Friday, the festival lived up to its theme and 'took revellers into the hip hop heaven.'

Hip hop fanatics came out in numbers even for the second day, packed the venue just as the previous day; fun-lovers came to enjoy the second night of hip-hop.

Starting the show with a fiery performance was DJ So What, who managed to get the crowd warmed up for the rest of the show. Dishing out house, hip-hop and gqom tracks in his mix, the DJ surpassed everyone's expectations.

The DJ was followed by rapper Trippy King 20. Trippy also managed to keep the show buoyant as he continued to spit his rhymes on stage.

After the local artists' performances, the crowd was already screaming for SA's K.O to come on stage.

The 'Skhanda Gawd' took to the stage and the crowd lost their minds. Singing along every line, it was clear that K.O

- Swazi Jive artists dominate
- Shane Eagle no show



ON THE MIC: Amrig spitting rhymes on stage. (Pics: Nokwanda Sibandze)

has a huge fan base in the country.

The artist performed most of his tracks, including his latest single 'Call me.' It was when he did a young throw back by singing the song 'Mhlobo wam,' which he did with Teargas; his former group, that the crowd went absolutely wild. The South African award-winning artist delivered an impressive performance. Soon after the sizzling performance by K.O, Nadia Nakai took

to the stage. The South African female emcee gave an outstanding performance. Performing in the early hours of the morning, Nadia thrilled the crowd with her singles, 'Naaa Meaan', 'Money Back', 'Sqwaa' and 'Ragga ragga'. The artist was also enjoying herself and fell totally in love with the crowd as she jumped off the stage and went straight to the crowd to see them closely.

Swazi Jive artists dominate

IT was clearly a Swazi Jive party.

Most artists of the day were from the host stable, Swazi Jive. From Amrig to Amarii, Adrienne Foo and Smokey and Wigo, the label also blew the crowd away with its dancers.

The group of young men crazed out the audience when they showed

off their dance moves. Swazi Jive also surprised the audience with a thrilling performance by Princess Temtsimba, aka Timbs. She blew the crowd away with her collaboration with Smokey and Wigo. Last to perform from the stable was Adrienne Foo; she performed her single 'all night' alongside L.O.

Shane Eagle no-show

SOUTH African artist Shane Eagle did not perform as promised on the line-up.

The 'Julia' hitmaker could not make it for the show. When Swazi Jive Director Sakhile Nkambule was sought for comment, he simply informed reporters that the rapper could not make it to the show.

The crowd did not react in any way because of this as they had so much fun because of the other artists who were able to pitch for the show.

It is worth noting that the last day of the Hipnotik Festival is not new to major acts not showing up, as even last year Kwesta did not show up as promised.



LET US DANCE: Trippy King 20 doing what he knows best.



VOSHO: These ladies enjoying the music dished out by DJ So What.



MUSIC MIXER: DJ 1D making the crowd dance behind the decks.



OUR PRIDE: Diba Diba and Qibho Intalektual doing their song titled 'Lendlela', which also features DJ 1D.



ISANDL' EMOYENI: K.O singing to the audience.



GIJIMA: KrTC and Mozaik rendering their song Gijima.



SEXY: Nadia Nakai dishing out an epic performance for the audience.



ALSO THERE: DJ So What was among the performers during the event.



SPEECH: Swazi Jive Director Sakhile Nkambule making his remarks before the end of the show.



LOCAL: Qibho Intalektual doing his best during his performance.



TOGETHER: Princess Temtsimba aka 'Timbs', performing her song titled 'With You' with SmokeyandWigo.



IN NUMBERS: Fans enjoying themselves.



MONEY BACK: Nadia displaying her rapping skills on stage.



SHOW OFF: Nadia Nakai showing off her dancing skills on stage.

NOTHANDO SHINES AT SPIRIT OF PRAISE RECORDING

By Nomfundo Sifundza

...Collaborates with Sipho Ngwenya

TAKING her music to the highest level, songbird Nothando Hlophe gave an outstanding performance over the weekend at Carnival City, Johannesburg.

The songbird was performing at the Spirit of Praise 7 album recording that took place in South Africa in two sold-out shows at the 4 000 seater venue.

Singing her lungs out, the award winning musician stole the show donning a gorgeous gold body hugging dress and belting out her polished vocals.

She did not only record her popular song 'Imphilo yami' but she also did a collaboration with SA's most-loved worship master Sipho Ngwenya of 'Jesu fikekauseni' fame.

The song titled 'Qina' might just be the next hit from both singers as they sang it with deep spirits and



SHINES: Nothando Hlophe performing during the Spirit of Praise 7 album recording.

passion.

Other artists that feature on the new recorded Spirit of Praise album include the founder Benjamin Dube, Dube Brothers, Dumi Mkokstad, Ayanda Ntanzu and the usual sus-

pects Neyi Zimu and Omega.

Leserato Events' Sphiwe Nxumalo said, "we are excited for Nothando for what God is doing in her life. This definitely has to be the highest point of her career so far and

we know there are greater things to come. We are grateful to Spirit Music Group for inviting her again and continuing to be a great partner in her career and we are deeply indebted to them."



STUNNING: Nothando Hlophe preparing for her performance in Johannesburg.



WORSHIP: Joyous Celebration's Nozipho Phiri doing what she is famous for.



DUETS: Joyous Celebration's Given Mabena and 'SbuNoah' Mthembu belting it out.



SONG LEADER: Xoli leading a worship song titled 'Hallowed'.



LORD I'M YOURS: Vuyelwa leading 'Ngim' lo' track.



ENJOYING: Sharon Maziya was also spotted at the gospel show worshipping the Lord with Lungile Mkhabela.



PROUD MOMENT: The kingdom's very own Londiwe Nxumalo leading 'Njengendluzela' with Joyous Celebration having recently joined the group. She made her debut performance on Saturday during the MTN Joyous Celebration live in Eswatini show, which was held at Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre in Manzini. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)

Umoya Kulendawo...

JOYOUS CELEBRATION'S

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

● Joyous Celebration packs thousands

GIVING locals more reason to be 'joyous', Joyous Celebration's newbie Londiwe Nxumalo outdid herself.

The Swazi born singer sang before the thousands of gospel music fanatics packed at the Mavuso Trade and Exhibition Centre Hall No.1 on Saturday evening.

Nxumalo's debut performance in the country with the internationally acclaimed gospel group saw distinguished guests at VVIP section such as Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth David Ngcamphalala and Minister of Public Service Owen Nxumalo on their feet, dancing and celebrating the country's very own shining with the gospel group.

Londiwe mounted the stage during the second set of the group's perfor-



ATTENTION: Joyous Celebration in their second outfit.

mance and made a beautiful traditional version of the popular song; 'Njengendluzela.' She wore a white dress with a bit of *lihiya* inspiration.



ALSO THERE: Nedbank Managing Director Fikile Nkosi dancing to Joyous Celebration's 'Bhekani KuJehova'.



SHONA PHANSI: Ntsiko leading the group when she was rendering 'Lenani Izulu'.



HALLELUJAH: Part of the Joyous Celebration crew in full swing.



CHOIR: Joyous Celebration during the rendition of 'Angiyindawo', which was their first song on stage.



LET'S DANCE: The gospel group dancing to 'Wenzile' a song led by SbuNoah.

NEW LISWATI SHINES BRIGHT



THOUSANDS: Mavuso Trade Centre Hall was packed as people came in numbers for the show.

Joyous Celebration literally bought their A-game, and set the room on fire through their worship and praise songs. They displayed urban dance moves in their praise tracks. For the first time in three years,

they performed all the songs in their latest album; Joyous Celebration 22, 'All for you'.

The group mesmerised the crowd with few songs from their previous album such as Joyous Celebration 19 and Joyous Celebration 21.

Guests

Songs like 'Nanti Ithuba' led by Mthunzi Namba, 'Ehle' led by Sylvester and 'Bhekani Ku-Jehova', which saw Nedbank Managing Director Fikile Nkosi, Macmillan Managing Director Busisiwe Simelane, Sharon Maziya and other distinguished guests dancing and singing along to this track at the VVIP section.

EMASWATI ARE TALENTED

WHEN it comes to the gospel genre, Emaswati will show you how it's done.

Indeed Emaswati are talented and this was proven at the Joyous Celebration show on Saturday.

During the 15 minutes break, PRO of the show Pamela Zwane, who was directing the proceedings, walked around the packed room giving a chance to the gospel

fanatics to tease the crowd with any gospel song and all lucky individuals who got a chance to hold the mic were on point.

History

Worth noting is that this year's show was a sold out event. Afterwards, Zwane revealed that this year's show was the biggest in history.

"On behalf of Destiny Group,

we would like to express our sincere gratitude to MTN Eswatini for helping in making this show the massive success it was.

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"We would also like to thank each and every other partner and support sponsor that supported this event. We also thank MTN Joyous Celebration for delivering with excellence as always," Zwane appreciated. She added, "Most importantly, we thank the

public, which was quite orderly, for coming out in their numbers to make this one of the best shows we have had ever.

We really appreciate everyone for their contribution to the success of this show.

The show was made successful by Swazi MTN, Destiny Music and Sounds while other partners were Carson Motors, Umvini Events as well as Tee and Jay, to name a few," she said



JIZASI: Nomthie Sibisi leading the traditional song 'Uyaphendula'.



UZULIPHATHE KAHLE: Jabu Hlongwane leading 'Uzuliphathe kahle' song.

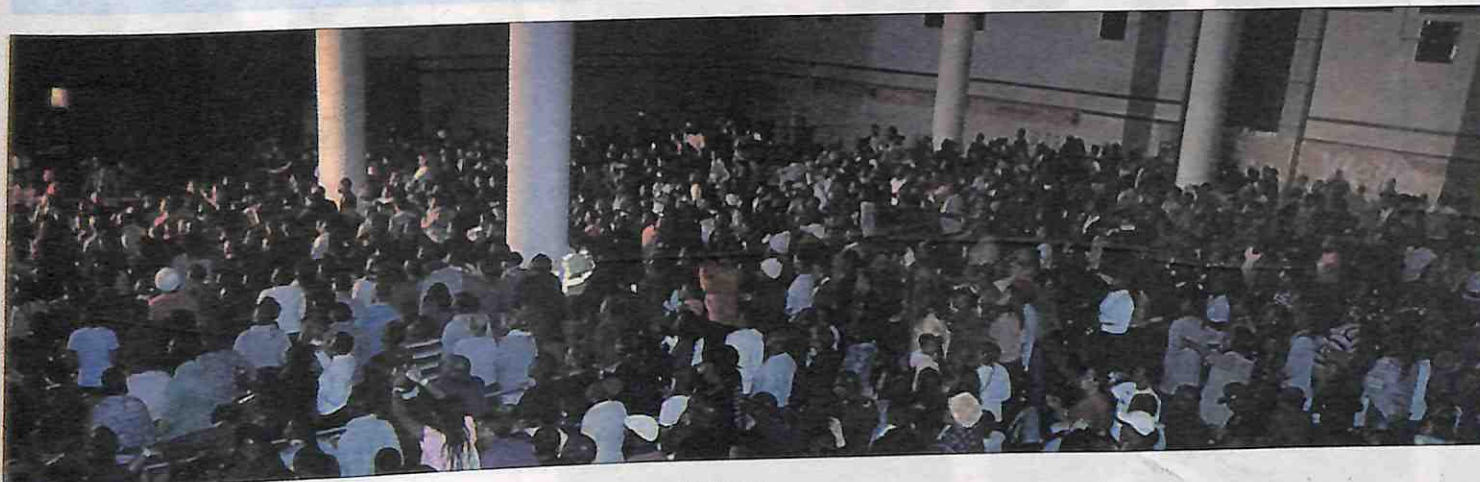


UMOYA KAJEHOVA: Thobeka Mahlangu leading 'Umoja Kulendawo'. This song saw everyone on their feet, singing along with the gospel group.

'Umoja Kulendawo, 'Uzuliphathe kahle' thrills

THE two hit songs; 'Umoja kulendawo' led by Thobeka Mahlangu and 'Uzuliphathe Kahle' led by Jabu Hlongwane taken from the new album, were a hit as the crowd could not get enough and pleaded for an encore.

Joyous Celebration fans came prepared for the show as they sang along to every track rendered by the group. SbuNoah, Nomthie Sibisi, Nozipho Phiri, Kholiwe and former Idols SA contestant Siyakha Tshayela were on fire on stage during their sets. The crowd could not wait for SbuNoah's performance as they screamed his name before he even performed and he did justice to his delivery as he danced up a storm uttering 'Yadlala Inceku'.



PACKED: A section of the attendees at the gospel show.



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CELEBRITIES SHINE IN SPLENDID FASHION AT DURBAN JULY



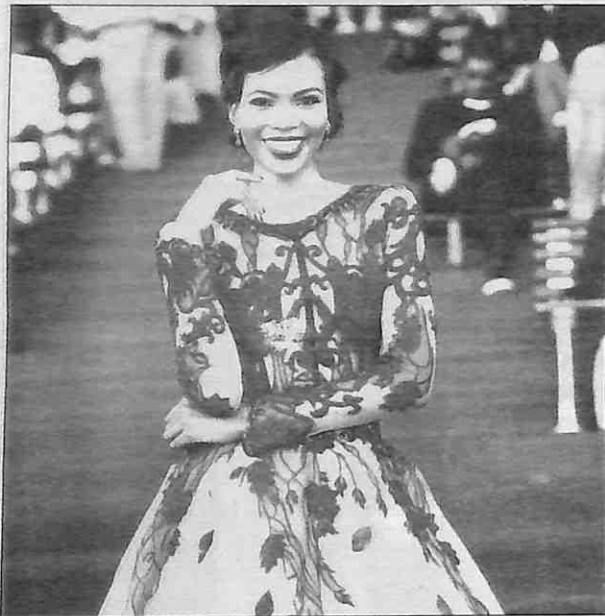
SOUTH Africa's A-listers showed the rest of the country how it's done when they came in all their splendor at the Vodacom Durban July.

The newest Miss SA Tamaryn Green and Thulisa Keyi, American TV presenter Zuri Hall were among the celebrities who came to enjoy the festivities and to socialise with their peers.

LAMB: Dineo Ranaka sticking to her theme.



RED: Designer David Tlale and Andile Luthuli of Ice Models, the Red by David Tlale collection was unveiled at the Vodacom Durban July. With them at Summerveld Training Centre is Dark Moon Rising, ridden by Warren Kennedy. (Pictures: Anthony Grote/Gameplan Media)



BEAUTY: Miss SA World Thulisa Keyi was blushing in red at The Vodacom Durban July.



SWAZI FEEL: Musa and Lindo Mathebula wearing their own design at the Vodacom Durban July.



MISS: Boity Thulo apparently missed it this time.



DAPPER: Mogale and his fiancée, Somgaga.



CLASSIC: Tbo Touch went for a black and grey outfit and spotted water boots.

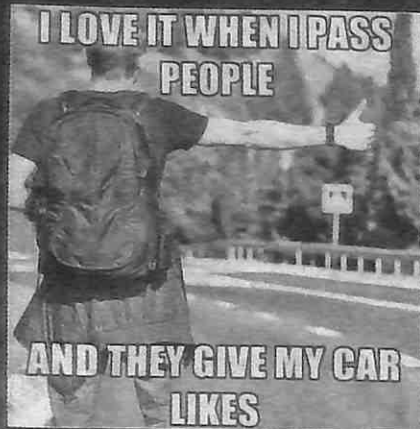


LOVE: Minnie Dlamini-Jones and her husband, Quinton.



BARE: Zodwa Wabantu's floor-length high-slit dress turned heads at the Vodacom Durban July.

PICTURE OF THE DAY



TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Aries March 21 – April 19

Unfortunately, this isn't a day for fun and games, Aries. In fact, you might feel an annoying emotional weightiness, making you feel less energetic than usual. There's a sober tone that's asking you to take a hard-nosed look at reality and make some decisions regarding goals and plans. You could feel like the timer buzzer is about to go off. The minute hand is ticking away and there are many more adventures in store.



Taurus April 20 – May 20

You'll find little comfort in your emotions today, Taurus. You may want to simply stick to business. Concentrate on getting things done in your regular routine. Create a plan and stick to it. This isn't a day to deviate from the norm, nor is it a time in which you'll find sympathy from others. Stick close to home and take care of your personal business. Time is precious - don't waste it.



Gemini May 21 – June 21

Try not to be smothering today, Gemini. You may want to seek comfort in the company of others but find that this only produces grouching on the part of all involved. Curb your tendency to find fault in loved ones. Your best bet is to focus your energy on tasks you've had on the back burner for some time. Tackle projects that need special attention and the most discipline.



Cancer June 22 – July 22

There's a damper on your emotions today that could leave you feeling like a pot of simmering water, Cancer. Just by knowing there's a lid on things you're likely to heat up more quickly than usual. Try to hold your temper. A furious rage will get you nowhere. Concentrate your energy on getting your material affairs in order. Deal with finances, investments, and long-term security planning.



Leo July 23 – August 22

It could be hard for you to feel connected to anyone today, Leo. You're probably better off keeping to yourself. If you're feeling sad or depressed, it's best to work through these feelings on your own. Other people aren't apt to be too sympathetic to your situation. You're better off sticking to your work in order to keep the demons out of your head.



Virgo August 23 – September 22

You may feel a sense of restriction to the day, but in truth, this is for your own good, Virgo. You'll find that your acute sense of discipline comes in handy today as you tackle work with incredible enthusiasm. Your goals aren't far from your grasp. Stay focused, and don't let the ticking clock pressure you. Hastiness will lead to careless mistakes. If you're going to do a job, do it right.



Libra September 23 – October 23

Find comfort in your work today, Libra. Although it may sound ridiculous, you'll find that getting things checked off your list is the most rewarding activity of the day. Try not to be too critical of others. Focus on your own tasks at hand. Mountains that seem too daunting will continue to grow bigger until you take the first step. Your perseverance will be an inspiration to others.



Scorpio October 24 – November 21

Get your head out of the clouds, Scorpio. You'll find out that nitpicky details you failed to attend to earlier are now coming back to haunt you. Don't postpone your work any further. The time to take care of the job is now. Balance your checkbook and do your laundry. Clean your bathtub and go shopping. The more you accomplish today, the better you'll feel about yourself tomorrow.



Sagittarius November 22 – December 21

Today you need to finish whatever you didn't get done yesterday, Sagittarius. Themes of the journey include discipline and paying attention to the sand slipping through the hourglass. The more you're able to accomplish, the better you'll feel about yourself. Stagnant energy in your life signals that it's time to get things moving. Don't waste another moment waiting for someone else to find the solution for you. Take the initiative.



Capricorn December 22 – January 19

Put aside frivolity for a day, Capricorn. This is an important time to prepare for the future. Don't take another step forward before you know you're on solid ground. This is a good time to secure your goals on a piece of paper. Writing them down in ink will help you manifest them in your life. Think about the long-term harvest. Security and grounding are key themes of the day.



Aquarius January 20 – February 18

People may be a bit critical of you today, Aquarius, and you would do well to hear what they have to say. Be receptive of feedback from others so that you may establish a healthy ego. It's important to keep your sense of humility in check. You might find that you're feeling rather critical as you see people moving like sloths compared to your lightning quick mind. Be patient with others.



Pisces February 19 – March 20
Maintain your psychic shield today, Pisces, because you'll need it. People's comments may seem harsh even if they mean well.



Your best defense against the critical tone of the day is to use other people's criticisms as constructively as you can in order to build a stronger foundation from which to work. Process this energy in a positive frame of mind and use it to get things done.

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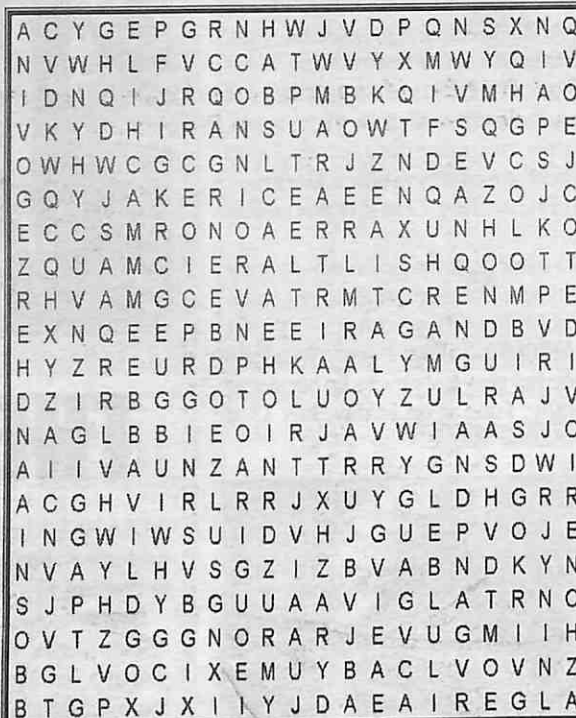
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USELESS FACTS

1. If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
2. The longest word in the English language, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, is: pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis.
3. The longest place-name still in use is: Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiakitanahu, a New Zealand hill.
4. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
5. Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a belly button. It was eliminated when he was sewn up after surgery.

BRAIN-TEASERS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

FRIDAY'S BRAIN-TEASERS

1. Did you see Dolly Parton's new shoes?

Answer: Neither did she.

2. What does Ellen DeGeneres cook for dinner every night?

ANSWER: She doesn't,

she eats out!

TODAY'S
BRAIN-TEASERS

1. What did Lil Jon do when the hardware store employee tried to sell him a light bulb?

2. What do you call it when Batman skips church?



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NEWS



LOCKDOWN RETURNS: NEW INMATES, NEW MANAGEMENT

NEW management, new inmates and new rules are expected in the return of Lockdown for season three.

Mzansi Magic's gritty, dark and sometimes controversial prison drama, *Lockdown*, is back with a new season that is bound to shake up July. Last season came to a dramatic end with an injured Monde (Zola Nombona) making a run for it with the stolen diamonds, as Maki (Linda Sebezo) and her nemesis, Deborah (Pamela Nomvete) came face to face in an explosive showdown.

Fast-forward a couple of months later, season three opens with a jaw-dropping cliff-hanger as Beauty's life is hanging in the balance with her son, Njabulo (Mthunzi Ntoyi) spiraling out of control with guilt behind bars.

Monde wakes up in an inyanga's house who turns out to be her good Samaritan. Determined to start afresh, Monde decides to contact Simon (Thabo Rametsi) as she believes he's her ticket to a new beginning. Will



the unlucky couple finally get their happily-ever-after?

Meanwhile, Deborah has to deal with a potential suspension after Monde's escape, while nursing a gruesome injury at the hands of Maki Magwaza. Maki's revenge plot gains momentum, leaving the once pow-

erful Deborah shattered and alone. Tyson (Lorcia Cooper) is out seeking revenge from the man that stripped her of her dignity, while Mazet (Dawn Thandeka King) goes after Sharon (Lindiwe Ndlovu) for killing someone dear to her.

And what would Thabazimbi be

without new management and new inmates? Introducing:

Pauletta Scott – played by Everybody Hates Chris actress, Tichina Arnold. Pauletta is a new prisoner at Thabazimbi. A deal went wrong with a former business associate, leading to a series of events that sees her locked up.

Minister Mazibuko – Thembi Nyandeni takes on the role of Minister Mazibuko, the Minister of Correctional Services. She has been assigned to Thabazimbi to get things under control. Mazibuko is hard-core, and only softens up towards her daughter, Phindi, for whom she will do anything.

Phindi Mazibuko – Phindiwe is naïve and idealistic. A criminal psychologist, she believes that all evil people can be redeemed. She is the apple of her mother's eye. Phindi will be played by actress, writer and producer, Mmabatho Montsho.

Grace aka Zim Zim – Manaka Ranaka takes on the role of a serial killer, who has a fascination with body parts and operating on people.

Mingus – Mingus is a career criminal in for armed robbery and murder. He has charisma and enigma that is both attractive and fearsome. Mingus will be played by Khulu Skenjana.

Azania – (Real name, Pinky), is a student activist who comes to Thabazimbi along with two fellow activists for arson and malicious damage to national property. Azania will be played by Dineo Nchabeleng.

"We are looking forward to another stellar season of *Lockdown*. Mzansi Magic's commitment to authentic storytelling has allowed us to share our stories beyond African borders," said Director of Local Entertainment Channels at M-Net, Reneilwe Sema.

NEW WEEK, NEW SHOWS

FOR our DStv customers, there are new shows to watch this week.

Tune in and enjoy new movies and series, cartoons for the kids and informative documentaries. Let the flames of the **Comedy Central Roast Battle 2018** heat up your weekend when South African comedians bring out their best Yo Mamma jokes tonight July 9 at 9:30pm on Comedy Central.

The best of South Africa's design talent are ready to strut their stuff in season one of **Project Runway South Africa**. Tune in tomorrow, July 10 at 9:30pm on Mzansi Magic.

When *Hustle And Soul* returns for a second season, Lawrence tries to win his family back, but Ana isn't having it. Follow the drama tomorrow, July 10 at 7:10pm on FOX Life.

Fynskrif is South Africa's own legal drama, taking on cases at Van Wyk & Vennote. Watch

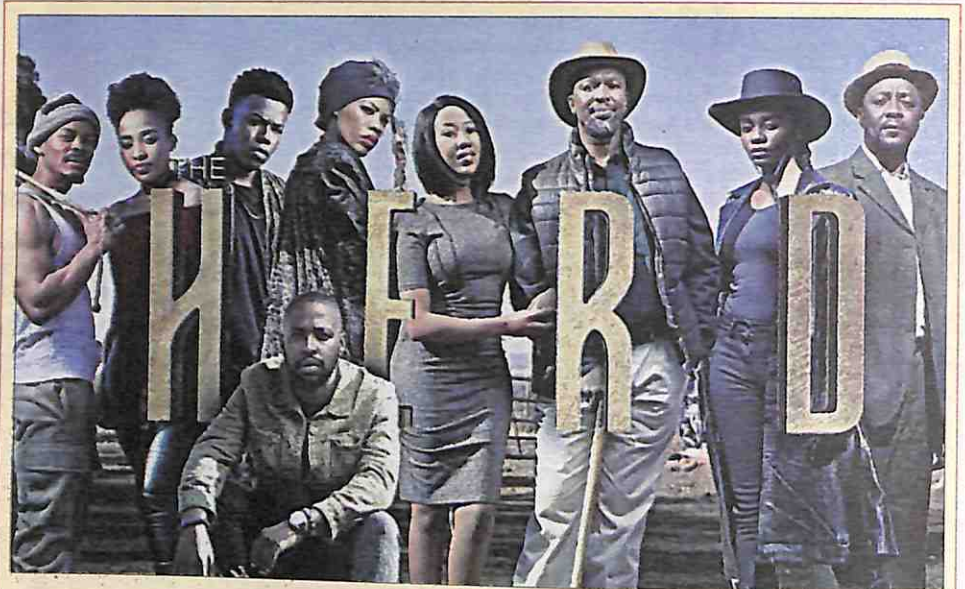
it tomorrow, July 10 at 8:00pm on kykNET.

Love is blind and sometimes very dangerous, find out for yourself on season one of **Diabolical: Deadly Love**. Tune in on Wednesday, July 11 at 9:10pm on ID. Meet new people and enjoy a little chat around the fire in season 10 of VIA's *Kom Ons Braai*. Watch it on Friday, July 13 at 6:00pm. Beneath their house made of pure gold, the Singh family are hiding dirty secrets. Learn more on season one of **My Golden Home**.

Tune in on Friday, July 13 at 7:00pm on Zee World.

The doctors work their magic on new surgery nightmares in new episodes of *Botched*, starting Friday, July 13 at 8:00pm on E!

Let's Eat With Siphokazi is back for a third season and she has new tasty tricks up her sleeve for you to enjoy. Tune in on Friday, July 13 at 8:00pm on Mzansi Magic.



THE HERD

MZANSI Magic has a new local drama series for you to look forward to - The Herd is coming to your television screens soon.

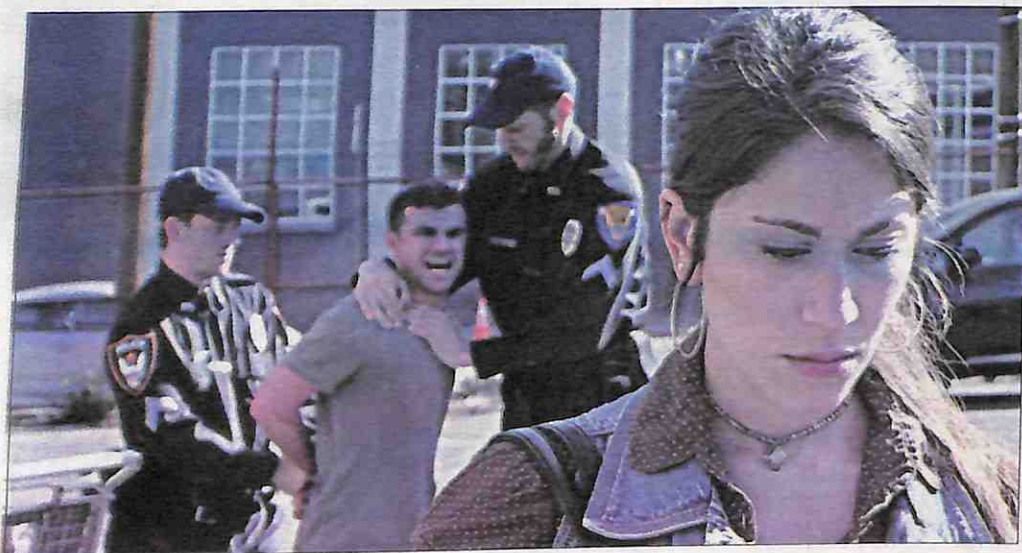
Twenty-eight years ago, Bhekisizwe Mthethwa (Sello Maake Ka Ncube) was fired from his job at a butchery due to his leg injury. With no job and a hungry wife and baby, Bheki sought out the guidance of the local witch MaMngadi (Winnie Ntshaba), who promised him a bright future, if he was willing to make a great sacrifice.

When we meet Bheki in the present, he's married to MaMngadi with three more children, Muzi (Sparky Xulu), Nkosana (Paballo Mavundla) and Dumazile (Cindy Mahlangu). Soon, we realise that Bheki's big sacrifice still

weighs heavily on his soul and when he chooses the successor to his cattle business, viewers get to see a family at odds and siblings in a rivalry, as they go into battle over what each believes to be rightfully theirs.

"Sacrifice is at the heart of many human stories, particularly when looking at the family structure. It's the man's responsibility to take care of his loved ones and sometimes the pressure of supporting the family can drive a man to the edges of darkness. The Herd is essentially about that: the sacrifices we make for love," said Director of Local Entertainment Channels at M-Net, Reneilwe Sema.

Joining the cast of this compelling series are: Zethu Dhlomo, playing the tough and gifted gunslinger, Lwandle; Sihle Ndaba as Bheki's golden child, Kayise; Tiisetso Thoka as the Mthethwa's leading herdsman, Dingane and Peter Mashigo, as the troubled alcoholic, Magubane.



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FEDERER, SERENA AIM TO ADVANCE ON WIMBLEDON'S 'MANIC MONDAY'

LONDON - Roger Federer and Serena Williams will be expected to maintain their flawless progress at Wimbledon as the title favourites head into the fourth round looking to survive the tournament's giant-killing carnage today.

Federer has been in imperious mood in pursuit of his ninth Wimbledon crown, while Williams is rounding into form just as the seven-time champion's rivals have collapsed all around her.

The status quo has been challenged like never before in the women's singles, with nine of the top 10 seeds crashing out before the Wimbledon last 16 for the first time in the Open area.

In the men's draw, third seed Marin Cilic, fourth seed Alexander Zverev and sixth seed Grigor Dimitrov have all fallen.

But it's business as usual for Federer as the defending champion took his consecutive sets won at



FLAWLESS: Roger Federer and Serena Williams wave to spectators.

Wimbledon to 29 in a third round dismissal of Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff.

Federer's 175th win from 200 career grass-court matches saw him overtake Jimmy Connors as the most successful male player on the surface. Next, the Swiss star faces

French 22nd seed Adrian Mannarino for a place in the quarter-finals.

World number two Federer, eyeing a 21st Grand Slam title, has won all five of his previous meetings with Mannarino, a 30-year-old journeyman who has never been past the last 16 at a major. Although

Federer is approaching peak form, he knows world number one Rafael Nadal yet to drop a set in his first three matches and three-time Wimbledon winner Novak Djokovic playing his way back to his best this week are lurking as potential final opponents. **AFP**

Djokovic slams Wimbledon crowd

LONDON - Novak Djokovic blasted Wimbledon's Centre Court crowd on Saturday, claiming fans "whistled and coughed" as he prepared to serve, insisting he deserves better treatment.

The three-time champion described the sometimes febrile atmosphere on the famed arena as similar to that of a Davis Cup tie as he downed home favourite Kyle Edmund 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Djokovic was furious with the reaction of a section of the crowd after he had been given a time violation for bouncing the ball too often.

"I thought the crowd's reaction was quite unnecessary. A couple of guys pretending they were coughing and whistling while I was bouncing the ball more or less to the end of the match at that end where I received the time violation," said former world number one Djokovic.

"Those are the things obviously that people don't get to see or hear on the TV. I just think it's not necessary. That's what I didn't like."

Djokovic responded by sarcastically blowing kisses to the crowd and cupping his ear as he unleashed the winning strokes that took him into a 44th last-16 appearance at the Grand Slams. **AFP**

Joe Hart returns to Manchester City

MANCHESTER - Joe Hart will return for pre-season training with Manchester City tomorrow - a forgotten and unwanted man.

Those present at the magnificent Etihad complex - most of boss Pep Guardiola's Premier League-winning stars, will still either be at the World Cup or on a break after appearing in it - will be excused for rubbing their eyes in disbelief.

Is this really Joe Hart - a one-time England captain and undoubted No.1, who was adored by City fans just a couple of seasons ago - among the club's flotsam and jetsam, seemingly with nowhere to go?

Alongside him will be two other exiled City stars, Eliaquim Mangala and Jason Denayer.

Until his downfall, the odds would have been on Hart, 31, striving to be England's penalty shootout hero against Colombia.

Instead, that mantle was worn by Everton's Jordan Pickford.

Even before a ball had been kicked in Russia 2018, Hart had lost his first-team place at West Ham.

Perhaps the hardest blow was when England boss Gareth



RETURNS: Joe Hart is due for return to Man City.

Southgate followed suit and left him out of his final 23-man squad.

That was despite him playing in nine of the 10 qualifiers - only being left out for the last game against Lithuania.

Southgate put Hart's absence from his squad down to a severe loss of form at the end of what had been a testing Hammers season.

It all began to unravel for Hart - who knew there was no way

back at City while Guardiola remained manager - with a 4-0 Premier League defeat at Everton. Hart paid the price, with Hammers No.2 keeper Adrian recalled.

And the former England stopper found himself confined to making appearances in the EFL Cup and FA Cup, which included an emotional return to his former club Shrewsbury Town. **Mirror**

'Scapegoat' Ozil should quit German team - father

BERLIN - The father of Mesut Ozil said yesterday his son should quit Germany's national squad after he was "made the scapegoat" for Die Mannschaft's shock first-round defeat at the World Cup.

Ozil, 29, has come in for hefty criticism in Germany after the World Champions crashed out in Russia, finishing bottom of their group.

Pressure had already been mounting on the Arsenal midfielder in the World Cup run-up over a controversial photograph with Turkey President Recep Tayyip Erdogan that was seized on to question his loyalty to Germany.

On Thursday, Germany's team boss Oliver Bierhoff sparked a new round of outcry over a statement suggesting Ozil, who has Turkish roots, should have been dropped after his failure to publicly clear up the Erdogan meeting.

"This statement is insolent. In my opinion, it is aimed at saving one's own skin," said the mid-fielder's father Mustafa Ozil in an interview with Bild am Sonntag.

Bierhoff later backtracked, apologising that he "was wrong".

Ozil senior said he believed his son had agreed to have a photograph taken with Erdogan only out of "politeness" and that it was never meant to be a political statement. He also defended Ozil for not having spoken out to clarify his position.

"He no longer wants to explain himself, he no longer wants to have to defend himself all the time. He has been playing for nine years in the German team... including becoming world champions with the A-team.

"He has contributed a lot for this country. It has always been: if we win, we win together.

"But when we lose, we lose because of Ozil? He is now getting whistled at and made a scapegoat. I can understand if he feels insulted," said the midfielder's father.

Calling the treatment accorded to his son "so unfair", Ozil senior said "he needs to decide for himself. But if I were in his place, I'd say - thanks a lot but that's it!"

"The hurt has grown too strong. And who knows what'll happen at the next match. In Mesut's place, I would step down. But that's just my very personal opinion," he said. **AFP**



ON CRITICISM: German star Mesut Ozil.

Rooney working on fitness, prepares for MLS debut

WASHINGTON - Wayne Rooney has upped his preparation ahead of his MLS debut against Vancouver Whitecaps.

Rooney moved to Washington last week after he completed his move from Everton.

The 32-year-old has signed a three-and-a-half year contract but he won't officially become a DC player until July 10.

The former Manchester United and

England striker is expected to make his debut for the club at the opening of the new Audi Field stadium in Washington.

Rooney has kept himself in shape since the Premier League season finished on May 13. He appeared to move freely on Friday as he was involved in a number of training drills.

He also seemed to be enjoying himself as he interacted with his new team-mates while taking a break from

training. Rooney has already spoken about how moving to the United States isn't him slowing down as he approaches the end of his career.

He said: "As I said many times I am not here to see out my last few years of my career, I am here to compete and here to win, that's the way I have always been and always played.

"Even on the training pitch there was a few of the academy players on the first day, I had a go at them for

not running as hard as they should have. "That's on the first day. I have always set high targets. I demand a lot from myself and I expect that from my team-mates as well.

"I think I have to adapt to how-ever the club is run. I am not going to come in and say I want this change and that change. I'll embrace it and look forward to doing that."

Daily Mail



ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP



HARRY WILSON STEALS THE SHOW FOR REDS

LIVERPOOL - Naby Keita and Fabinho, the midfielders who have cost almost £100 million, launched their Liverpool careers at Chester on Saturday afternoon but it was a home-grown youngster who caught the eye.

Harry Wilson, who spent much of last season on loan at Hull City, scored two goals in a lively 45-minute appearance and gave the impression he will give Jurgen Klopp plenty to think about during pre-season, as he looks to take the next step in his career.

Liverpool won 7-0 at the Swansway Chester Stadium in a canter.

Celtic would like to take Wilson on loan for the campaign but Liverpool are only like to consider letting the Wales international move to a club in England. He is held in high regard at Anfield and - while it must be recognised the limitations of the opposition - it was easy to see why.

Liverpool only returned to pre-season training five days ago and, as a result, Klopp selected two different teams to play 45 minutes each.

Fabinho, who joined Liverpool in June for £43.7million from Monaco, played the first half alongside Joe Gomez, who had been ruled out of going to the World Cup with England due to an ankle issue, and Divock Origi, who is hoping to re-

... Chester 0-7 Liverpool: Naby Keita and Fabinho make debuts



MY BALL: Fabinho, wearing No. 3, made his Liverpool debut.

establish himself after a season on loan at Wolfsburg.

Loris Karius also began his road to redemption, 42 days after the Champions League final calamity. He had little to do, other than making an early stop with his feet to deny Jordan Archer and comfortably claiming a cross from Dominic Smalley.

Klopp said: "I am not sure what I expected or whether I thought it (the reception) would be different but it was

nice. It was a difficult save he made and the conditions were difficult.

You have seen goalkeepers drop those kind of crosses and (if he'd dropped it) it would have started again but it was cool. Let's all calm down with everything".

On Keita and Fabinho, Klopp added: "They will bring quality. Naby is used to the philosophy of the high press he has played it with Leipzig".

Daily Mail

N'Zonzi set for Arsenal move

LONDON - Arsenal have opened talks with Sevilla over a move to take Steven N'Zonzi to the Emirates, and reunite him with Manager Unai Emery.

Former Blackburn and Stoke midfielder N'Zonzi starred for Emery during his time at Seville boss, winning the Europa League.

According to Sky Sports, the Gunners have now opened talks with the Spanish side, in a bid to bring the 29-year-old to North London.

Emery has already landed Stephan Lichtsteiner, Bernd Leno and Sokratis Papastathopoulos.

But he is continuing to look to add to his midfield and French ace N'Zonzi could be ideal.

Unai Emery has introduced himself to the Arsenal team and has got to work implementing rules

ahead of the new season.

The former Paris Saint-Germain boss replaced Arsene Wenger after 22 years this summer, and is keen to get off to a good start in his debut Premier League campaign.

On Monday, Emery welcomed the Arsenal team back to London

Colney, where medical checks took place and the Spaniard addressed the squad for the very first time.

Since then, the team have been on the training ground, and already there are stark differences

to the way Wenger used to do things. Emery has also limited players using mobile phones at the training ground, and has banned them from using them completely during lunchtime.

Mirror



WANTS MORE: Crystal Palace star Wilfried Zaha.

Zaha rejects £125k-per-week Crystal Palace contract

LONDON - Palace are desperate to keep hold of main man Zaha and are due to return with an improved new offer

Tottenham have received fresh encouragement in their long running pursuit of Wilfried Zaha.

Spurs have not given up on landing the Crystal Palace star, 25.

And Zaha has rejected the Eagles offer of a new £125 000-per-week contract that would make him their top earner, giving the north Londoners renewed hope.

The development will interest Chelsea too as they are also keen on Zaha though have their managerial decision and the future of some of their existing squad to resolve first.

Palace are desperate to keep hold of main man Zaha and are due to return with an improved new offer.

But the former Manchester United winger's eagerness to test himself at a Champions League club again is a setback to their hopes of persuading him to stay.

Spurs believe they could land Zaha for significantly less than Palace's valuation of their main man.

Palace had put Zaha in a similar price bracket to Riyad Mahrez who was rated at around £75m by Leicester but is poised to join Manchester City for £60m. Spurs value Zaha at £50m.

Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino is determined to increase his options out wide and long-term target Zaha remains at the top of his wish list.

Zaha's current Palace deal, worth around £100 000-per week and signed last May, runs until 2022.

Mirror

Wilshire's move set to be confirmed today

LONDON - The long-running Jack Wilshire transfer saga looks to be over with the Arsenal midfielder set to join West Ham United today.

In an interview, Wilshire admitted his whole family were Hammers' fans - and he had one particular player on the back of his shirt.

The England man is already said have undergone a medical ahead of

his expected move to the London Stadium.

Following his release from Arsenal at the end of last month, the 26-year-old is now a free agent and was set for a shock move to Fenerbahce, reports football.london.

However, following face-to-face talks with Hammers Manager Manuel Pellegrini during the week, the mid-

fielder now looks set to stay in the capital by signing a three-year deal worth £100 000 a week.

The medical was under huge scrutiny thanks to his previous injury problems. The midfielder has missed more than 150 games in total throughout his career, thanks to being injured and recovering from the injury problem.

Mirror



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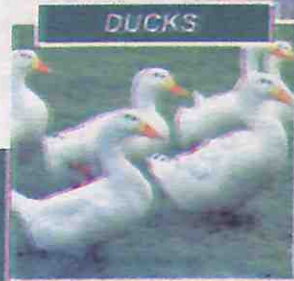
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PLEASED: Luka Modric.

Modric pleased to get through 'another drama'

SOCHI - Croatia captain Luka Modric said his side showed character on Saturday to get through "another drama" after edging to a second straight shoot-out win to knock out Russia and set up a World Cup semi-final with England.

Zlatko Dalic's men thought they had won the game when centre-back Domagoj Vida put them in front in extra time, only for Russia's Mario Fernandes to head home and snatch a thrilling 2-2 draw.

"Another drama for us," said Real Madrid midfielder Modric. "We didn't play well in the first half, we didn't control the game as we wanted."

Dogged

"From the start of the second half we played much better, but unfortunately we couldn't finish the game."

Croatia had also needed spot-kicks to get past a dogged Denmark in the last 16, but Modric insisted they would not be tired for the last-four clash against England at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium on Wednesday.

"We have enough time to rest and prepare well," said Modric.

"We expect a very difficult, tight and demanding match. Every match at this World Cup is like that.... We have to enjoy the moment, then tomorrow we prepare for England, we have one day less for preparation."

AFP

FIFA PROBES CROATIA OVER VIDA'S VIDEO POST

MOSCOW - Croatia defender Domagoj Vida faced possible disciplinary sanctions from FIFA after posting a clip dedicating his country's victory over Russia in the World Cup quarter-final to Ukraine.

Vida scored an extra-time goal and one of Croatia's penalties in a 4-3 shootout win over the World Cup hosts in Sochi on Saturday.

Croatia will play England in the semi-final on Wednesday and some Russian officials are calling on FIFA to take the toughest measures possible against the Balkan country.

The ponytailed 29-year-old shouted "Glory to Ukraine!" in a video posted by former Croatia international Ognjen Vukojevic shortly after the match.

The two both spent parts of their careers playing for Ukraine's Dynamo Kyiv.

FIFA, world football's governing body, said it was investigating.

"FIFA is processing the different reports of the said match, as well as potential evidence concerning the matter referred to in your message," a FIFA spokesperson told AFP.



DISCIPLINARY: Croatia defender Domagoj Vida faced possible disciplinary sanctions from FIFA after posting a clip dedicating his country's victory over Russia in the World Cup quarter-final to Ukraine.

"Until we have evaluated all information available, we cannot comment further."

Vida later told Russian media that he meant no offence.

"I love Russian people," Vida was quoted as saying. "It was just a joke."

"Glory to Ukraine!" was a slogan of the former Soviet republic's pro-EU revolution that toppled a Russian-backed president in 2014.

The revolt was condemned as illegal by Moscow and sparked a crisis

in relations between the two neighbouring states.

It was followed by Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea peninsula and a pro-Kremlin separatist war in eastern Ukraine that has claimed more than 10 000 lives.

Vukojevic added in the video: "This victory is for Dynamo (Kyiv) and for Ukraine! Croatia onwards!"

The clip was picked up by Russian state media and drew condemnation from some officials. AFP

Croatia vs England - 2018 World Cup semi-final

SONCHI - England will take on Croatia in the semi-finals of the 2018 World Cup after being victorious in their quarter-final matches.

The Three Lions defeated Sweden after Harry Maguire opened up the scoring with a header in the first-half followed by another header in the second-half from Dele Alli. Jordan Pickford kept a clean sheet after making several great saves to help England progress to the semi final.

Croatia won 4-3 on penalties against Russia after a 2-2 draw in normal and extra time at Fisht Stadium. Fyodor



Smolov and Mario Fernandez missed for Russia after both of them delivered poor shots at Danijel Subasic.



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WORLD CUP 2018 STATS FOR CROATIA AND ENGLAND

ENGLAND		CROATIA	
Goals	- 11	Goals	- 10
Shots on Target	- 21	Shots on Target	- 14
Shots Total (inc. Blocks)	- 68	Shots Total (inc. Blocks)	- 48
Possession	- 55.12%	Possession	- 44.88%
Passes	- 2671	Passes	- 1428
Passing Accuracy	- 85.32%	Passing Accuracy	- 78.57%
Goals Conceded	- 4	Goals Conceded	- 3
Shots Faced (inc. Blocks)	- 48	Shots Faced (inc. Blocks)	- 67
Shots on Target Faced	- 14	Shots on Target Faced	- 19

ENGLAND GOAL-SCORERS

Harry Kane	- 6
John Stones	- 2
Jesse Lingard	- 1
Harry Maguire	- 1

CROATIA GOAL-SCORERS

Luka Modric	- 2
Ivan Rakitic	- 1
Mario Mandzukic	- 1
Domagoj Vida	- 1
Ivan Perisic	- 1
Andrej Kramaric	- 1
Milan Badelj	- 1
Ante Rebic	- 1

Croatia and England head-to-head stats
England have won four out of the seven encounters with Croatia with one being held to a draw as well.

Pundit hits out at media over 'disgusting' treatment of England star

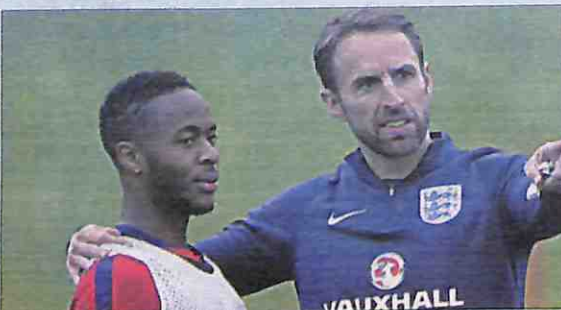
MOSCOW- Gary Neville has blasted the media for the "absolutely disgusting" treatment Raheem Sterling has been subjected to during the World Cup.

Sterling impressed as England beat Sweden 2-0 to reach the World Cup semi-finals on Saturday. The Manchester City winger missed a handful of gifted chances in the quarter-final, but his movement and pace was vital to

stretch the Sweden defence. But Sterling was subjected to the same tired criticism at half-time and after the game. Neville questioned the "absolutely disgusting" comments he faced.

"The actual treatment at half-time of him across social media was absolutely disgusting, and isn't representative of the performance he put in," Neville told ITV.

Team Talk



DISGUSTING TREATMENT: Raheem Sterling and Gareth Southgate.

Fernandinho target of racist insults after own goal

RIO DE JANEIRO - Brazilian midfielder Fernandinho and family members have been victims of racist insults on social media since his World Cup own goal on Friday, when Brazil was eliminated by Belgium in the quarter-finals of the World Cup in Russia.

Several internet users referred to the Manchester City player as a "monkey," while some even threatened to kill him after Brazil's 2-1 loss. The player's wife, Rosa Glauca, also found her Instagram account full of insults. "Your husband's (screw up) ruined everything," was one comment from guih_nevetti.

Fernandinho's mother had to close her Instagram account due to the heap of offensive comments on her profile. Shocked by the racist messages, dozens of internet users rushed to Fernandinho's defence on social networks.

AFP

Hierro leaves job as Spain coach after WC exit

MADRID - Fernando Hierro, who stood in as Spain coach when Julen Lopetegui was sacked on the eve of the World Cup, will not continue in the role, the Spanish football federation said Sunday.

Under the former Real Madrid and Spain defender, who had little previous coaching experience, 2010 winners Spain lost on penalties to host nation Russia in the last 16.

"After travelling many kilometres together, the Spanish Football Federation and Fernando Hierro have put an end to their relationship," the federation said.

Hierro declined to return to his previous job as the federation's technical director and "will undertake new professional challenges", the federation wrote.

Split

Spain were tipped among the favourites until Lopetegui caused chaos by announcing he would become Real Madrid's new coach after the World Cup.

The federation, fearing a split between players from Barcelona and Real, sacked Lopetegui two days before Spain's opening game against Portugal.

He described it as the saddest day of his life since the death of his mother. Andres Iniesta, the former Barcelona great who scored the winning goal in the 2010 World Cup final, retired from the international team after the defeat to Russia. AFP



Pirates: Zambia ideal destination to prepare

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates have stated that Zambia will offer their players conditions similar to those in South Africa as the team prepares for the upcoming season.

The Buccaneers have confirmed that following their week-long pre-season training camp taking place in Nelspruit in Mpumalanga, the team will travel to Zambia for the second phase of the pre-season programme.

Speaking to the Siya crew, Bucs Administrative Officer Floyd Mbele, said Zambia is the ideal destination to prepare the team for their upcoming CAF Champions League campaign because it has similar conditions to South Africa.

"The reason why we chose Zambia is that we wanted the new players who have never played beyond the borders of South Africa to get a feel of what it's like to play in a different country," said Mbele. "Also Zambia feels much like South Africa. They have a similar topography and similar weather conditions, so our players will get the feel (for) playing in a foreign country but still have that sense of familiarity of home". *Soccer Laduma*

Masilela not only looking at PSL move

JOHANNESBURG - Despite reports linking the former Amakhosi defender with a move to the Chilli Boys, his agent reveals that there has been no talks

After parting ways with Kaizer Chiefs at the end of the previous season, defender Tsepo Masilela is still on the lookout for a new club.

According to his agent, Mike Makaab of ProSport International, there is nothing concrete as yet and they are looking for a deal.

The left back was released by Amakhosi after struggling with injuries as he fell down the pecking order with Chiefs preferring Philani Zulu.

With former coach Steve Komphela preferring Zulu at the left back spot, the 33-year-old subsequently fell down the pecking order at Naturena and was eventually deemed surplus to requirements.

Speaking to Goal on Sunday, Makaab revealed they are not holding talks with anyone for now, but are working hard to find a new club for the ex-Bafana Bafana defender. *Goal*



NO MOVE: Tsepo Masilela.

NDORO AWAITS CHIEFS' FORMAL APPROACH



JOHANNESBURG - Former Orlando Pirates striker Tendai Ndoro is waiting for Kaizer Chiefs to register their interest in him.

The Zimbabwe international is currently a free agent after parting ways with Ajax Cape Town last week, having only joined the club in January 2018.

Chiefs, SuperSport United as well as Bidvest Wits have all been linked with Ndoro, who scored once in eight appearances in all competitions for the Urban Warriors.

Ndoro's agent Gary Cassisa admitted that he is aware of reports linking his client with Chiefs.

However, Cassisa insisted that they have not received any offers for Ndoro yet.

"We have heard that Chiefs are interested in Tendai but at this stage there's no offer for him from them or any other club," Cassisa told Sunday World.

The agent indicated that they are

hoping that once Chiefs and SuperSport have announced their coaches, there's a possibility that either of the clubs would snap up Ndoro.

"We just have to wait and see until Chiefs and SuperSport United appoint coaches," he continued.

"Maybe then there'll be something concrete. We are in talks with three teams but there are no formal offers," he explained.

Ndoro breached FIFA regulations after appearing for three clubs - Pirates, Saudi Arabian side Al Faisaly and Ajax in one season.

As a result, he has been the focal point of the ongoing PSL chaos that recently saw Ajax being restored to 15th spot on the log after a court order.

"He enjoyed his time at Ajax but with all this situation it was a mutual decision that he leaves the club," Cassisa said.

"The environment was no longer



WAITING: Striker Tendai Ndoro.

good for him. He's training by himself, and he looks sharp," he added. "Any team that finds him now, he's going to score them goals."

Ndoro is a natural goal scorer. He's in good mental state as well," he concluded. *zdf*

Goal

Sebastian Vettel snatches British GP win

LONDON - Sebastian Vettel won a sensational British Grand Prix to extend his lead over Lewis Hamilton to eight points.

Hamilton came second and the Ferrari of Kimi Raikkonen third.

It was a day of wonderful drama under the burning sun - and the crowd oohed and aahed ahead as the race ebbed and flowed.

Ferrari, in truth, held the speed advantage, and deserved the win. But it took a wonderful late move by Vettel to pass the slowing Valtteri Bottas, the Finn's tyres fading, at Brooklands to secure the win. The German darted his red machine through and that was the victory.

Hamilton endured a nightmare start. Having driven an outstanding lap to claim his sixth pole at Silverstone, he made a sluggish getaway. He was passed by Vettel, second on the grid, and was then hit at Turn Three by Raikkonen.

It appeared to be the Finn's fault. The stewards agreed and gave Raikkonen a 10-second penalty. He had locked up and gone into the back of Hamilton's Mercedes.

No matter what the damage to Hamilton's floor, he retained remarkable pace. The accident had shunted him right down the field but he charged straight through it. This charge was a statement on the speed of his Mercedes against the lower-ranking teams but also a remarkable reflection of Hamilton's



CHAMP: Sebastian Vettel kisses the winner's trophy on the podium following his victory at the British Grand Prix.

own driving skill. He made up 12 places in as many laps to go into sixth.

The leaders came in for new tyres. But Hamilton stayed out and out. He was losing time as he did so.

Should he have been brought in fast? He wasn't. In the final he was re-shod, of course, going in third and coming out sixth.

There were two safety car phases when Marcus Ericsson smashed his Sauber at Turn 1. The Swede walked away despite the 200mph accident. All the top cars other than the Mercedes' duo went in for a change of rubber.

Was this a mistake - following the strategy error in Austria a week ago - to keep Hamilton out?

The fact is that he was third on older tyres, whereas he would have been fifth on brand new ones, but able to attack better.

Hamilton was worried, saying: "There is no way I am going to be able to compete with these guys on old tyres."

His engineer Peter Bonnington said: "You're the fastest out there by miles. It's all there. Don't give up."

A second, fast-following second crash, a collision between Romain Grosjean and Carlos Sainz at Copse, called the safety car out again. When the action re-started, Vettel was on Bottas's tail. He passed him for the win. Hamilton then passed Bottas, on tyres a few laps older than even his own, and was into second. Raikkonen then overtook Bottas. That was it. *Daily Mail*

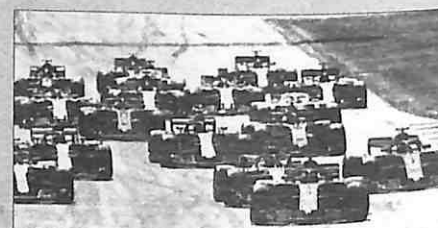
BRITISH GRAND PRIX RESULTS AND STANDINGS

Race result:

- 1 Sebastian Vettel (Ger) Ferrari 1hr 27mins 29.784secs
- 2 Lewis Hamilton (Gbr) Mercedes 1:27:32.048
- 3 Kimi Raikkonen (Fin) Ferrari 1:27:33.436
- 4 Valtteri Bottas (Fin) Mercedes 1:27:38.667
- 5 Daniel Ricciardo (Aus) Red Bull 1:27:39.284
- 6 Nico Hulkenberg (Ger) Renault 1:27:58.004
- 7 Esteban Ocon (Fra) Force India 1:27:59.714
- 8 Fernando Alonso (Spa) McLaren 1:28:00.899
- 9 Kevin Magnussen (Den) Haas 1:28:02.972
- 10 Pierre Gasly (Fra) Toro Rosso 1:28:03.913
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- 13 Lance Stroll (Can) Williams 1:28:07.890
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Drivers' standings:

- 1 Sebastian Vettel (Ger) Ferrari 171pts
- 2 Lewis Hamilton (Gbr) Mercedes 163
- 3 Kimi Raikkonen (Fin) Ferrari 116
- 4 Daniel Ricciardo (Aus) Red Bull 106
- 5 Valtteri Bottas (Fin) Mercedes 104
- 6 Max Verstappen (Hol) Red Bull 93
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- 18 Marcus Ericsson (Swe) Sauber 3
- 19 Brendon Hartley (Nzl) Toro Rosso 1
- 20 Sergey Sirotkin (Rus) Williams 0



football talk

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● West Ham have made a £17.5m bid for Borussia Dortmund's Ukraine forward Andriy Yarmolenko, 28, who joined the German club last year for £23m.
(Sky Sports)

● The Hammers are also set to finalise their move for 26-year-old England midfielder Jack Wilshere, who is a free agent after leaving Arsenal, today.
(Sunday Mirror)

● Lyon president Jean-Michel Aulas still thinks France midfielder Nabil Fekir will line up for the club next season after the 24-year-old's move to Liverpool fell through.
(Goal)

● Manchester United are confident of signing 29-year-old Chelsea forward Willian now that Brazil are out of the World Cup.
(Sun on Sunday)

● However, Barcelona's Argentina forward Lionel Messi is keen to link up with Willian at the Nou Camp.
(Manchester Evening News)

● Liverpool have held talks with Aston Villa over midfielder Jack Grealish but Tottenham remain favourites to sign the 22-year-old Englishman.
(Sunday Mirror)

● United States defender Erik Palmer-Brown, 21, has gone on loan from Manchester City to Eredivisie side NAC Breda for the new season.
(ESPN)

● Defender Kieran Tierney, 21, is set to remain at Celtic with Everton deciding against meeting the £25m asking price for the Scotland international.
(Scottish Sun)

● Manchester United are ready to bid £40m for PSV Eindhoven's 22-year-old Mexico striker Hirving Lozano.
(Tuttomercatoweb)

● Blues forward Eden Hazard's younger brother Kylian has moved a step closer to leaving Stamford Bridge after the 22-year-old Belgian midfielder joined Dutch side VVV Venlo on trial.
(Goal)

● Lyon have told Chelsea that midfielder Tanguy Ndombele, 21, will not be sold this summer as the Blues seek a potential replacement for 27-year-old fellow Frenchman N'Golo Kante, who is Paris St-Germain's prime target this summer.
(Sunday Express)

● Rangers will have first refusal on any youngsters being sent out on loan by Liverpool after a deal put together by the respective managers Steven Gerrard and Jurgen Klopp.
(Sun on Sunday)

● Manchester United are targeting Barcelona's 16-year-old Spanish midfielder Nico Gonzalez, who has yet to agree a new contract with the La Liga champions.
(Sport)

CAS CALLS FOR IMPROVEMENT FROM LOCAL CYCLISTS

By Sibusiso Masilela

CYCLING – THE Cycling Association of Swaziland has called upon local cyclists to improve their standard in local mountain bike challenge races.

The mother body noted this following a poor showing from the local cyclists during the 2018 Ngwenya MTB challenge held on Saturday, where our cyclists lost out in the 70km main category.

CAS vice Secretary Morgan Rudd said local cyclists still needed to work hard in order to meet the international cycling standards.

"We still have a long way to go as a country in as far as mountain bike challenge is concerned following today's performance, where we failed to come to the party in the 70km. We need to implement more training methods that would help us cope with the pace of South African cyclists," he said.

Rudd further thanked Ngwenya



THE BEST: 2018 Ngwenya MTB 70km best Liswati Muzi Shabangu crosses the finishing line during the race held on Saturday. (Pics: Sibusiso Masilela)

Glass for organising a great competition for both local and international cyclists. "We are humbled to be part of such great initiatives,

which allows cyclists to showcase their talent. May I also thank the Deputy Minister, Paul Dlamini, for his continuous support towards

cycling," he also said. South African cyclist Declan Sidey emerged victorious in the 70km with a time of 03.18.48 hours.



YOUNG ONES: These two juniors also braved the chilly weather to become part of the race.

2018 NGWENYA MTB RESULTS

70KM WOMEN

1. Samantha Sanders	03.30.22
2. Retha Harding	05.14.03
3. Raine Fouché	05.36.58
4. Kristien Velding	05.58.40

MALES

1. Declan Sidey	03.18.48
2. Heine Engelbrecht	03.26.24
3. Muzi Shabangu	03.43.05
4. William Kelly	03.48.37
5. Ayanda Dlamini	03.54.17
6. Mcebo Langa	03.54.26
7. Mduduzi Zwane	03.54.49
8. Rick Diesel	04.00.49
9. Paul Fouché	04.02.32
10. Lungelo Mlangeni	04.07.56
11. Sifiso Mhlanga	04.08.01
12. Sicelo Phiri	04.15.13
13. Kim Roques	04.15.35
14. Johnny Diedericks	04.15.49
15. Thulani Gule	04.19.21
16. Brett Foss	04.53.02
17. Henk Kies	05.08.25
18. Jon Williams	05.11.40
19. Zakhele Mduli	05.15.44
20. Esau Du Pont	05.28.51
21. Luis De Sousa	05.28.51
22. Jabulani Dlamini	05.46.22
23. Manyakane Dlamini	06.06.29
24. Lungile Mabena	06.10.38
25. Clinton Mcnamara	06.16.07
26. Chadley Kelly	06.16.07
27. Joao Dias	06.21.58

42KM WOMEN

1. Jahlene Faul	02.39.57
2. Lucinda Bride	02.42.18
3. Wendy Reed	02.48.04
4. Iris Varty	02.51.37
5. Cordelia Henwood	03.18.08
6. Iselle Combrink-Groome	03.21.55
7. Anelle Human	03.27.24
8. Riana Engelbrecht	03.27.26
9. Nichola Paul	03.36.01
10. Lynn Madeley	03.45.30
11. Linda Watson	03.45.32
12. Mandisa Simelane	03.49.41
13. Deborah Stafford	03.53.12
14. Dinize Wilsch	04.05.21
15. Adele Scheepers	04.13.46
16. Sindy Lee Singleton	04.44.46
17. Sihle Dlamini	02.05.17
18. SMM Similo Nyoni	02.09.09
19. Qiso Dlamini	02.16.13
20. Nkosinophile Masilela	02.16.40
21. Lungelo Dlamini	02.17.28
22. Ethan Young	02.17.30
23. Fineberg	02.22.00
24. Jahlathu Dlamini	02.26.22
25. John Thomson	02.26.48
26. Sifiso Gwebu	02.27.28
27. Jared Paul	02.30.20
28. Tyron Jefferies	02.30.42
29. Craig Paul	02.30.54
30. Wiseman Jele	02.32.18
31. Quentin Barkhuizen	02.33.54
32. Phumlani Kunene	02.33.58
33. Sabelo Dlamini	02.37.55
34. Ian Jones	02.40.39

20KM JUNIORS

1. Bruce Becker	01.16.29
2. Logan Cory	01.17.42
3. Malik Mcnamara	01.18.35
4. SVS Sandile Shongwe	01.19.03
5. Johan Bronkhorst	01.20.13
6. Bongkhosi Madongela	01.20.41
7. Morne Herbst	01.21.03
8. Mduduzi Mduli	01.22.27
9. Mario Schiller	01.25.18
10. Alakhe Mazia	01.27.00
11. John Thomson	01.27.12
12. Rodney Mountjoy	01.27.17
13. Paul Chasusa	01.27.59

WOMEN

1. Tanya Beardsley	01.12.13
2. Kyla Hamer	01.19.40
3. Monja Schiller	01.21.02

4. Norael Schiller	01.25.23
5. Alison Evans	01.27.54
6. Lyla Berman	01.28.22
7. Christa Du Plessis	01.30.54
8. Adele Henning	01.32.35
9. Bronwen Evans	01.34.50
10. Zenzi Huysmans	01.35.13
11. Carmen Elliott	01.37.53
12. Michelle Meintjes	01.41.04
13. Thulebona Simelane	01.42.37
14. Takisi Lukhele	01.48.39
15. Katja Schiller	01.57.35
16. Cherneale Carmichael	02.00.43
17. Silke Felton	02.01.10
18. Dolly Ndlangamandla	02.04.27
19. Tracy Van Der Walt	02.13.46
20. Ncedile Mngometulu	03.13.14

MEN

1. Richard Darne	01.04.08
2. SMS Mthokozisi Bhembe	01.07.34
3. Tiaan Kies	01.09.05
4. Mfanisibili Dlamini	01.10.53
5. Bonginkosi Maziya	01.14.51
6. Hannes Hamer	01.16.29

20KM SENIOR MEN

1. Reece Johnston	01.28.14
2. Bradley Young	01.30.25
3. JBS Craig Bethel	01.33.03
4. Hansie Brankhorst	01.33.47
5. Vincent Khoza	01.33.50
6. Sizwe Letlape	01.33.52
7. Sean Southgate	01.37.53
8. Nic Cory	01.40.14
9. Mike Cutting	01.40.20
10. Nielen Greyling	01.41.34
11. Luke Dlamini	01.41.41
12. Adrian Dekoning	01.43.37
13. Ockie Van Niekerk	01.48.41
14. Andrew Nemes	01.52.49
15. Steven Nemes	01.52.50
16. Christopher Skosana	01.55.06
17. Klaus Schiller	01.57.36
18. Bongani Shongwe	02.00.44
19. Ronan Thiselton	02.04.05
20. Matthew Thiselton	02.05.17
21. Damon Garrell	02.09.03
22. Lance Lockey	02.09.05
23. Ryan Van Der Walt	02.13.31
24. Vuyiso Simelane	02.16.27
25. Jorge Carreira	02.23.01
26. Daniel Barbosa	02.23.03
27. Maureen Ward	02.37.53
28. Wihan Roux	02.41.48

SWAZI TELECOM CHARITY CUP ROADSHOW AT SITEKI



YAM' NAWE: Mbabane Swallows captain Tony Tsabedze, Manzini Wanderers' Sicelo Simelane and Green Mamba captain Siyabonga Mdluli with other team representatives displaying the trophy during the SwaziTelecom Charity Cup roadshow at Siteki on Saturday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



SHAYA IVOSHO: Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group member displaying her dancing skills.



TAKE AND GO: SPTC's Muntu Dlamini presenting a T-shirt to one of the winners.



GWAZA NKUNZI: Mbabane Highlanders Manager Bheki Nyamane with Melusi Dlamini and Michael Musonda (players) at the roadshow.



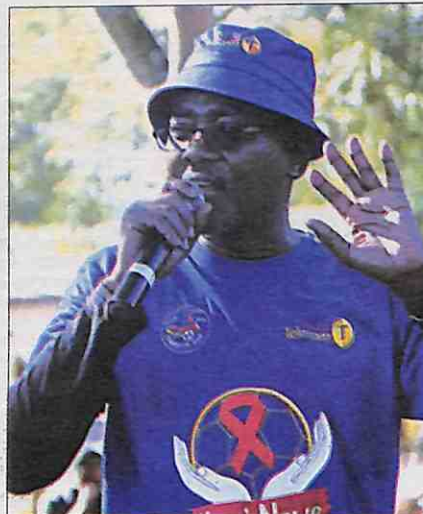
DANCING SKILLS: Dynamic Groovers doing their stunts.



JOY: Attendees of the roadshow responding to Shongwe and Khuphuka's performance.



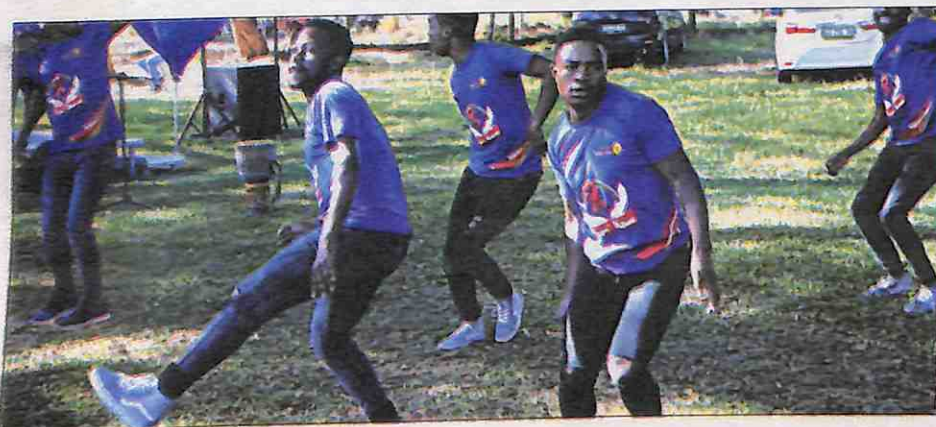
VUMA: SPTC's Muntu Dlamini, PLS Office Administrator Ncamsile Mkhonta, Mbabane Swallows General Manager Sandile Zwane and Mbabane Highlanders CEO Celucolo 'Dino' Dlamini dancing to Shongwe and Khuphuka's music.



FIVE TEAMS: Muntu Dlamini directing the proceedings.



KONKHE KUHAMBA KAHLE: Elias Shongwe of Shongwe and Khuphuka Saved Group joined by the crowd and teams representatives during his performance.



ENTERTAINERS: Dynamic Groovers on the dancing arena.



GLUED: Residents of Siteki following the proceedings.

JM BUSHA 21.54 KM RACE AT PRINCESS PHOLILE IN MALKERNS



ON YOUR MARKS: Runners at the starting point of the JM Busha 21.54 km race held at Princess Pholile in Malkerns on Saturday. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



YOURS: Veterans Beatrice Hlophe, Priscilla Mamba and Zodwa receiving their prizes from Minister David Ngcamphalala.



IN FULL SPRINT: Winner of JM Busha 21.54km race Melusi Sihlongonyane of UEDF on his way to the finishing point.



FINALLY: Winner in the ladies category Winile Mnisi of REPS celebrates as she crosses the finishing line.



DOWN BUT NOT OUT: Second-placed winner in ladies category Nozipho Sibandze falls after crossing the finishing line.



ALL YOURS: Winile Mnisi receiving her E4 000 cash from JM Busha CEO Joseph Busha and Minister of Sports David 'Cruiser' Ngcamphalala.

LET'S DANCE: Minister Ngcamphalala dancing with Celani Mabuza (7) after presenting him with E50 for his skills in dancing.



POSE: Winners in the 5.4km race posing with the dignitaries before receiving their prizes.

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IN the beginning, they were 32 and now they are four.

Now I feel bad I didn't bet and I also didn't play those predict and win games that were in the paper (I know I didn't qualify but it would have been nice to play them for sweet nothing) just to flex my prediction muscles.

See, I wouldn't have assumed the last four teams remaining would be the ones that are currently there. I knew France would be here now even play the finals, I just didn't think the other three would be in the semis. Not in my dreams did I see England making it this far. You see, while the best Premier League in the world is in England, it is also flooded with foreign players hence their national team in the past has been unable to compete in tournaments of this calibre. The current crop of players is doing what most in the past failed to do and they have done pretty well. The reason England, like France, made it this far is because they have no star players, I think that's the one thing all four national teams have in common; their play is not centred around one individual. They do have those dangerous individuals like Lukaku for Belgium but at the end, they play as a whole team. Speaking of Belgium, having the likes of Thierry Henry on their technical team is working wonders for them and this is the same team that played in Brazil in 2014 so they boast of experience in this tournament. There is also Croatia, they are showing signs of fatigue, that is what I saw in their quarter final game against Russia. They are not the team that played its first game. Its understandable as they have been playing every other day and while I am not an active person, I can imagine just how hectic it must be to participate in this tournament.

It will be quite interesting semi-finals; If I am maintaining my objectivity as a journalist then this one is for anyone, anyone will win it but if I am being a soccer fan, then France will definitely take it home. I keep saying France have shown great signs of flexibility, they seem to have an ability to adjust to their opponent's game plan. I mean the way they played against Argentina is definitely not the same way they played against Uruguay. They bring IT for each and every game. Belgium are dangerous with aerial balls and they will definitely maximise on them once again. I am still getting over Lukaku's quarterfinal performance, he was brilliant and one can only hope for the sake of the beautiful game, he will be at his best on the day.

There is also the second semi-final between England and Croatia. If the performance against Russia is anything to go by, then England might just move past Croatia. At the beginning, I saw Croatia playing against France in the final but now I am leaning more towards and France/England final simply because of the last two performances put up by Croatia, they are not so convincing. England, on the other hand, look like a side that is out to re-write history. Their determination is quite evident. With that said, may the best team win.

SA FRIENDLIES TO HELP BULL PREPARE FOR CHARITY CUP

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE
Highlanders believe their four upcoming friendly matches against South African sides will help them prepare well for the SPTC Charity Cup.

Highlanders' season will begin on August 5 when they participate in the Charity Cup. To prepare for the high intensity Charity Cup, which can mean playing two matches in one day, the club will play four friendly matches against South African sides TS Sporting, Maritzburg United, Dynamos and Royal Eagles, all in the space of a week. The club revealed this during the unveiling of their new players at SMVAF Headquarters in Mbabane yesterday morning.

"We are leaving on Friday for Durban where we will play three matches in five days. The idea behind this is that the players should get used to playing high intensity matches with little rest between them because that is what might happen in the Charity Cup. On July 28 we will play a friendly in Big Bend," Highlanders Chairman Zweli Jele



GWAZA NKUNZI: Mbabane Highlanders players in their new 2018/19 kit.

told the club's supporters.

Elaborating further, head coach Mlungisi Ngubane said the friendly matches would help gauge his players' readiness levels for the new season.

"I hope the team will do well this season, starting from the Charity Cup.

To see where they (players) are

Highlanders pre-season friendlies:		
Highlanders vs TS Sporting	Mhlume Stadium	Wednesday, July 11
Highlanders vs Maritzburg United	Harry Gwala Stadium	Saturday, July 14
Highlanders vs Dynamos	Chartworth Stadium	Sunday, July 15
Highlanders vs Royal Eagles	(venue to be confirmed)	Tuesday, July 17

we are going to South Africa to play against some teams there. It's not about winning, it's about seeing if

our team is gelling. We will play TS Sporting in Mhlume on Wednesday," Ngubane said.

SOUTH AFRICA TO HOST 2018 ZONE VI CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Sibusiso Masilela

VOLLEYBALL - SOUTH Africa will host the 2018 Zone VI Club Championships from November 21 to December 1 in Durban.

The games will feature top regional clubs from the entire SADC region and the Kingdom of Eswatini will be represented by the top two teams to win the upcoming VA Cup in the males and females category.

The VA Cup is set to take place in October at a venue yet to be confirmed.

Announcing the dates of the regional showpiece was the Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) President Mpendulo Dlamini during the association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the OlympAfrica yesterday.

"We are encouraging our clubs to take in this year's tournament to be hosted by South Africa.

This would help to improve the standard of the sport and further help the teams gauge their level of competitiveness," he said.

Dlamini further stated that they were on the verge of signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Swaziland Schools Sports Association (SSSA).

"We have noted that we are no longer getting new talent from the schools to feed the elite teams and we are now working on developing partnerships with schools to help unearth new talent for the sport.

We will announce the details of the MoU in due course," he further said.

The country did not have any representative in last year's edition which was held in Zimbabwe after two clubs in Royal Eswatini Police and Correctional pulled out due to financial constraints.



ANNOUNCING: Swaziland National Volleyball Association President Mpendulo Dlamini addressing delegates during the AGM held at the OlympAfrica Centre yesterday. (Pic: Sibusiso Masilela)

'Swazi Bolt' content with Mauritius performance

By Qondile Ntiwane

ATHLETICS - THE country's fastest sprinter Sibusiso 'Swazi Bolt' Matsenjwa is well on track in so far as his qualification for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games is concerned.

The Royal Eswatini Police (REP) athlete recorded a time of 10.22 seconds in a strong wind of +4.8 during the IAAF meeting held in Mauritius over the weekend. He was placed second after Zimbabwean athlete Ngoni Makusha, who clocked 10.17 seconds.

This was his first international assignment after undergoing a month long training camp in Berlin, Germany.

Interviewed yesterday, Matsenjwa said he was happy with his performance during the race.

"All went well and I believe I did well despite the strong winds. From the look of things, everything is on track as the qualifying time for 2020 is 10.31 even though one still needs to work hard to collect as many points as possible.

"The training camp in Berlin was really worth it looking at yesterday's (Saturday's) results," he said.

He stated that he would now shift focus to the African Senior Championships to be held in Nigeria on July 30.

"I will be training in preparation for the African Champions and I am hoping that we will do well as Team Eswatini. I will be competing in the 200m and 4x400m relay," he said.

'CHOCO' COMMITS FUTURE TO LANDERS

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders captain Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze has cleared the confusion surrounding his future and committed himself to the club.

Sibandze's future has been the subject of intense speculation ever since the end of last season, with the player repeatedly linked with a move to fellow Premier League side Manzini Sea Birds. However, at the SMVAF headquarters in Mbabane yesterday morning, Sibandze was presented as part of the Highlanders team for the upcoming season. Sibandze received a rousing reception as he was presented to the over 80 supporters packed at the SMVAF Conference room. Interviewed afterwards, Sibandze confirmed that he would be staying at Highlanders. "Yes, I am staying at Highlanders. I'm happy to be staying. Everyone at the club wants to win and now it's promising that we will win something. Before it was difficult to see the direction at the club and that is why I was also considering my future but now, with the new



STAYING PUT: Mbabane Highlanders Manager Sihle Dlamini presents captain Xolani 'Chocco' Sibandze to the club's supporters during the players' unveiling ceremony held at SMVAF Headquarters in Mbabane yesterday. (Pic: Sibongiseni Zondi)

players we have brought in, we can compete," Sibandze said.

The Highlanders' captain's first assignment for the new season will

be to lead his side in the SPTC Charity Cup in August, where they will be joined by rivals Mbabane Swallows and Manzini Wanderers.

It's good to be home - Highlanders' Zungu

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - RETURNING Mbabane Highlanders midfielder Vusumuzi Zungu says it is good to be back at the club.

Zungu is one of nine Matsapha United players, who Highlanders have signed ahead of the new season, including the likes of Jimoh Moses, Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze and Khanyakwezwe Shabalala. Zungu, Moses and Gamedze played for Highlanders before joining United.

Interviewed shortly after his unveiling at SMVAF Headquarters in Mbabane yesterday morning, Zungu said it was good to be home.

"All I can say is that it's good to be home.

Highlanders brought me here (Eswatini), so for me this is home. I hope I will add value because Highlanders were already good

last season, so I hope I will help the team get positive results. We have quality so now we have to do our best to win a couple of trophies. We promise to do our best," Zungu said. Meanwhile, goalkeeper Shabalala promised Highlanders supporters positive results in the upcoming season. "I have been welcomed well at the club, so now we have to

work. I promise the supporters positive results. With the squad we have, we will compete. We will start by winning the upcoming Charity Cup," Shabalala said.

Shabalala's words were echoed by Moses, who added that they would definitely win something in the new season. "I feel good (to be back). I hope I will add value. I think the environment is conducive; we have good, quality players. I believe we will compete and achieve something this season. We will definitely win something," Moses said



Dombo impressing at Arrows

By Sibusiso Masilela

SOCCER - MANZINI Wanderers' wing wizard Mike Dombo could soon complete a move to ABSA

Premiership side Golden Arrows.

The Congolese player is said to have netted a brace for Arrows during their practise match against fellow Premiership side Bidvest Wits on Saturday afternoon.

Arrows are said to have won the first practise match 2-0 in Durban.

The player was due to play another practise match against Wits yesterday afternoon, where Arrows coach Clinton Larson was expected to decide over the future of the former Matsapha United player.

The player's agent Alan Kibangula said they were already in talks with Arrows over the player's possible



ON THE MOVE: Manzini Wanderers wing wizard Mike Dombo.

switch to the Durban-based side. "He has been training with Arrows and also featured in some practise matches, where he did well. We are hoping to conclude talks before the end of the week," he said.

The club's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Pat Mahlalela, said they were still to meet with

the player's agent to discuss the future of the player when contacted yesterday.

"The player's agent is currently in the country to meet with the board of directors and I will be getting the update of his assessment after the meeting," he said.

Dombo was with the 'Weslians' in the previous campaign, where he helped the crowd-pulling side reach the finals of the 2018 SwaziBank Cup and position four finish in the MTN Premier League.

KWALUSENI UNITED ARE OK FOODS KNOCK-OUT CHAMPS

By Jongile Xuba

United..... (1)2
Lozitha Spurs..... (0)1

SOCCER - KWALUSENI United are champions of the OK Foods Kwaluseni knockout tournament after beating Lozitha Spurs 2-1 during the final played at Swazi National High Sports Ground yesterday.

This was a tightly-contested match as both teams wanted to lift the coveted prize. Kwaluseni United took the game to the visitors with strong play in the first half to take a lead. The match went to break with Kwaluseni leading

1-0. Spurs started the second half on a high as they pushed for an equaliser. They eventually scored the equaliser in the 50th minute.

This was a result of a set piece, where their player took a low shot to beat the keeper.

United did not let their heads drop, however, as they managed to re-gain their lead after a quick counter-attack in the 55th minute. That proved to be the winning goal for the home team.

Speaking during the presentation, Ok Foods Procurement Manager Vusi 'Smash' Maziya said they were happy with the outcome of the tournament.

"I would like to thank all those who participated in the tournament. Special thanks go to the fans for making this tournament a success. We hope to con-

tinue with this fruitful partnership with the Manzini Regional Football Association (MRFA)."

The MRFA Treasure, Sipho Dlamini, thanked the sponsor for once again supporting local teams by sponsoring such a wonderful competition. "As the MRFA, we would like to express our gratitude to our sponsor, OK Foods, for this tournament and the players from both teams who made the final an intriguing match to watch.

"Hopefully, the sponsor will come back to support us next year with another great tournament," said Dlamini.

The treasurer also mentioned that a presentation of prizes would be held at a date to be announced in due course. Details will be revealed through the media.

Etoile du Sahel appoint new sports director ahead of Birds game

By Qondile Ntiwane

SOCCER - MBABANE Swallows' CAF Champions League opponents Etoile Sportive du Sahel have appointed a new sports director ahead of their game with the local giants.

Information sourced from GNet is that the new director was appointed on Saturday.

This mission was entrusted to former star player Hakim Brahem, who replaces Zied Jaziri, who has resigned from this position since October 2017.

Group D

1. Étoile du Sahel	2	1	1	0	3	2	+1	4
2. Mba Swallows	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	4
3. ZESCO United	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1
4. 4.1° de Agosto	2	0	1	1	1	2	-1	1

The appointment of the director was said to come after the supporters of Etoile Sportive du Sahel have asked their steering committee to bring back glory days around the current first team. The team was also said to be in the footsteps of two players in Habib Yaken of CA Bizertin and

Loay Dahnous, from JS Kairouan.

The two sides will clash in a group stages encounter to be hosted by the red and white glamour side at the Mavuso Sports Centre next Tuesday, starting at 3pm.

The teams are placed first and second in the Group D log, with four points each.

The encounter will be officiated by referees Bobou Traore from Mali, Yahaya Mahamadou from Niger and Drissa Kamry Niare also from Mali.

Swallows will then travel to Tunisia for the second leg of the clash slated for July 27 at the Stade Olympique de Sousse.

For the second leg, CAF has appointed referees from Senegal, namely Maguette Ndiaye, Djibril Camara and El Hadji Malick Samba.



PROTRACTED: Nigerian striker Kola Aledon at Swallows training.

Kola case continues today

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER- THE Eswatini Football Association (EFA) Players' Status Committee (PSC) is set to hear the case involving Nigerian striker Kola Aledon today at Sigwaca House.

The matter was initially scheduled for last week Thursday but was postponed after the PSC failed to form a quorum. Aledon is in the middle of a 'war' between rivals Manzini Wanderers, whom he turned out for last season, and Mbabane Swallows.

Swallows signed the player on a three-month contract, which began on June 1 and expires on August 30. Wanderers, meanwhile, claim that the player is theirs and signed a contract extension with them upon the expiry of his previous deal.

Refutes

However, the player refutes this with his representative, Black Swallows Director Charles Matsebula, insisting that the player has only signed with Swallows.

Swallows have so far failed to register Aledon for the CAF Champions League because the player's clearance is still with Wanderers. The Birds eventually wrote to the EFA requesting their assistance in the matter, which has now been referred to the PSC.

Meanwhile, Aledon has begun training with Swallows.

The Chairman of the PSC is Sipho Matse, while Mphumlelo Mabuza, recently elected EFA executive member Thulani 'Little Known' Mavuso, Sifiso Shabalala and Johannes Siboza are members.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS:

May 13, 2018
● Kola plays as Wanderers are beaten 1-2 by Malanti Chiefs in their last MTN Premier League match of the season. Soon after, the player departs for his holidays.

May 28, 2018
● Reports emerge that Kola Aledon has signed a three-month contract with Mbabane Swallows.

May 29, 2018
● In response, Wanderers, through Director Sandile 'Chief' Dlamini, release a statement claiming that Aledon has extended his contract with the club. They further claim that Swallows haven't approached them for the services of the player.

May 31, 2018
● Kola's representative Charles Matsebula releases a long statement, claiming the player has not signed an extension with Wanderers. Matsebula also confirms that Aledon has signed a three-month deal with Swallows.

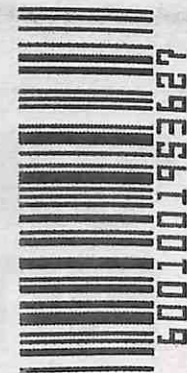
July 1, 2018
● Kola returns to the country from holiday. The player is spotted at Wanderers training at the Old Trade Fair grounds the next day (Monday, July 2). The player is then spotted at Swallows training at Prince of Wales on Tuesday, July 3.

July 4, 2018
● The matter is referred to the EFA Players' Status Committee, while Aledon begins training with Swallows.

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WANDERERS HAVEN'T APPROACHED ME - BHANYAZA



- Mdluli says Weslians haven't approached him for management role
- Elders, NSC wrote to PLS announcing management changes

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - LAWYER and football administrator Bongani 'Bhanyaza' Mdluli has refuted claims that he is set to join Manzini Wanderers and represent the club as a governor at the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS).

Yesterday, the Sunday Observer revealed contents of a letter sent to the PLS, informing the organisation of management changes at Wanderers. The letter, dated July 2, was signed by Wanderers Council of Elders Chairman Sipho Ntshalintshali and National Supporters Committee (NSC) Chairman Lucky 'Majaivane' Dlamini.

In the letter, Mdluli, who is also Board Secretary at Midas City, was named as one of three people who will represent the 'Weslians' as a PLS

governor. However, Mdluli has distanced himself from the appointment, insisting that nobody at the club has discussed the matter with him.

"I am not aware of any appointment. No one at Wanderers has ever approached me for such a role, so I'm shocked that this is appearing now. For such things to reach the PLS or the media, certain formalities have to be observed and that hasn't happened in this case. I would have expected that we would have met with the relevant authorities at the club and discussed this before anything was announced," Mdluli said in an interview yesterday.

Mdluli, it is understood, is a Wanderers supporter at heart, but he says his only professional involve-

ment with the club is representing them in the case, involving striker Kola Aledon.

"All I am doing for Wanderers, in my capacity as a lawyer, is representing them in the Kola case and that is

all. So I disassociate myself with what has been said because there have been no discussions at all. I have my integrity to protect," Mdluli added.



BULL UNVEIL ZUNGU, 'SAWA', MOSES AND OTHERS

By Sibongiseni Zondi

SOCCER - MBABANE Highlanders yesterday unveiled five of their new signings, including Vusumuzi Zungu and goalkeeper Khanyakwezwe Shabalala.

Last week Highlanders announced that they had reached a deal to sign nine of Matsapha United players. At SMVAF headquarters in Mbabane yesterday morning, Highlanders presented five of their new acquisitions to their supporters and the media. These are Vusumuzi Zungu, Khanyakwezwe Shabalala, Jimoh Moses, Sabelo Gamedze and Sibonelo Dlamini, all from Matsapha United.

Presenting the new signings, the club's Chairman Zweli Jele said they were not done with their transfer business just yet.

"We are not done signing. There are others here you haven't seen because we are still negotiating with them but we hope everything will be finalised soon. Now that we have these new players, it is important that we remain united as a club because more players mean added responsi-



WELCOME: Mbabane Highlanders coach Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane welcomes his new signings Vusumuzi Zungu, Sibonelo Dlamini, Khanyakwezwe Shabalala, Sabelo 'Sawa' Gamedze and Jimoh Moses. This was after the players' unveiling at SMVAF Headquarters in Mbabane yesterday. (Pic: Sibongiseni Zondi)

bility to all of us," Jele said. Interviewed after the unveiling, Highlanders coach Mlungisi 'Professor' Ngubane thanked the club for securing his transfer targets.

"I am very happy because the players here today were in the (target) list. The goalkeeper (Shabalala) was in my list, Zungu, Sawa, Moses, all these players are not new. Mcolisi, who is

not here today, is also a good goalkeeper. These players are here to add value. I did say I would keep the core of the team and bring players, who would add value and those players are here now. But I don't want players who are going to add value on paper; they must add value on the pitch. I think they are going to lift our standards," Ngubane said.

Highlanders also unveiled their new-look technical team which comprises former Red Lions coach Dumisani Mhlongo, who will be Ngubane's assistant, as well as physical trainer Sithembiso Shona.

The players' unveiling was attended by over 80 Highlanders supporters, management as well as the side's technical team.