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## 2 NATIONAL NEWS

## CANGO praises King for appointing women

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**THE Coordinating Assembly for Non-Governmental Organisations (CANGO) has praised His Majesty King Mswati III for appointing more women into Parliament.**

CANGO Communications Officer Nkosingiphile Myeni said the act by the King was a step in the right direction in ensuring that the legislature was adequately represented by women.

Myeni said they still have hope that more women will be appointed to the August House.

Myeni said he was hopeful that the MPs would continue to elect the four women from the four regions of the

country, as it looked like that was necessary.

He said the number of women needed in Parliament was big and it needed commitment from all those who were supposed to elect them into the legislature.

The CANGO spokesperson hoped that the already elected and appointed women MPs would continue to make their presence felt in the August House and formulate policies that would help the country turn the economy around.

**Hope**

He wished the new MPs all the best and hoped that they would work well together.

Currently, 26 women are needed to make up for the 30 per cent women

representation in Parliament.

This is required by Section 86 of the Constitution. However, the electorate failed to make this happen when they were given a chance to elect 59 MPs. Out of the 59 MPs, only two women were elected from the constituencies.

The MPs will today be educated on how to add other women amongst the seven that are already MPs.

They are supposed to be taught how to elect the four women from each region.

They will also be taught how to elect 10 senators, half of whom shall be females.

The training is supposed to start today at 9am at Royal Swazi Convention Centre in Ezulwini.



Princess Phumelele.



Princess Lindiwe.



Pholile Shakantu.

## MPs DIFFER ON SPEAKER CHOICE

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mbabane

**TH people from outside Parliament interested in the Speaker position have different views on whether an outsider can be chosen to lead the House.**

The question comes at a time when the country is faced with a tough economic situation, which was declared by Minister of Finance Martin Dlamini during the last days of the previous government, which was dissolved last year.

Opinions gathered from the MPs interviewed by this publication differ. Some said it would not be viable while others said it could be viable to get an outsider for the Speaker position.

MP-elect Noah Mduzuli is of the view that it would not be viable. He said this would be costly for the country as the economic situation was not right.

He pointed out that the current government had capable MPs that could successfully occupy the position of Speaker. He said the 25 MPs that qualified according to the Constitution were for the position.

He said it would not be wise in economic terms to go for someone outside when the current 25 MPs were capable.

In Gama's view, a person who qualifies to be Speaker should be able to control the MPs in the House and enable them to make the right decisions that can develop the country.

Mafutseni MP-elect Lady Mabuza shared the same sentiments.

She said it would be a waste of the little resources the country has left to get an outsider when they could elect one from the current crop.

She said the country would have to stretch its budget for this particular

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**A WASTE: Mafutseni MP-elect Lady Mabuza.**

person from outside.

Maphalaleni MP-elect Mabulala Maseko had a different view on this matter. He said the country could afford to get a Speaker from outside the current 69 MPs, as long as it gets quality.

**Sacrifice**

"You cannot sacrifice quality just because you want to save the economy. One person of good quality from outside can help in turning this bad economic situation.

You cannot save the economy by sacrificing the salary of one person," Maseko said.

Ludzeludze MP-elect Vusi Swali is of the view that it would not be wise to elect a person from outside because that person would need to be paid. He said it would be cost-effective to elect a person from within the 69 MPs because they equally qualify to hold

the position.

Appointed MP Princess Phumelele initially wished not to comment on the matter. However, she stated that it would not be much of a problem to elect a person from outside to be Speaker.

She said under the economic situation, Tinkhundla were added from 55 to 59 and that changed the budget of the country. She said much of the knowledge about all this would be given to them today during the workshop on how to elect the Speaker.

The Constitution does allow MPs to choose a Speaker from outside Parliament. Section 102 (1) says: "When the House of Assembly first meets after any general election and before it proceeds to the despatch of any other business, it shall elect a person from within or outside the House to be the Speaker of the House of Assembly, in accordance with the Standing Orders."

In 2008, Prince Guduza was elected from outside Parliament to become Speaker of the House of Assembly.

Former Speaker Themba Msibi has expressed availability and willingness to stand for election again. He had a rather bumpy ride with the former MP twice threatening a vote of no confidence.

A probe was launched into the operations of this officer. This came after suspicions of abuse of staff and power by the Speaker. He was among other things accused of favouring certain staff members for outside trips and promotions.

There were allegations that some of those he preferred had intimate relations with Msibi something he denied.

## One baby boy, two fathers?

Stories by Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**TWO men are allegedly on each other's throats over the paternity of an eight-month old infant boy.**

One of the men is said to have taken the matter to the police to mediate as each of them believes they are the biological father of the infant. The mother Lungile Simelane (23) of Matsetsa is said to have reported the pregnancy first to Ndumiso Mamba of Malindza when she was just couple of weeks pregnant. The pair is said to have been together for almost a year when Simelane conceived.

According to Mamba, he knew that he had made Simelane pregnant just two weeks later. He believes when you are a real man there are signs that show when you have made a woman pregnant. "I instantly reported to my family about the matter and she (Simelane) visited my home to formally report the pregnancy before the family," Mamba said. He said after the reporting pregnancy, he and Simelane began buying baby clothes which he said cost E3 500. Mamba said due to the scarcity of job opportunities, he would at times travel to neighbouring countries and search for temporary jobs for months. He said that gave Simelane the chance to report the pregnancy to a differ-

ent man which Mamba labelled as 'loaded,' which refers to well-off.

"When the child was born I was away job-hunting in Durban and when I came back I tried contacting her but she ignored my calls," he said. Months quickly went by; Mamba then visited his lover's home at Matsetsa to check on her and their newly born child. He said when he arrived he was firstly surprised by the rude and unwelcoming manner he was accorded.

"They told me that I am not welcome at their home because I almost destroyed their daughter's future. They blatantly told me that Lungile lived with the father of her child in one fancy flat in Manzini," he said. The possible father said he felt so betrayed by Lungile because he was certain that the child was his.

Moreover, Mamba said he decided to report the matter to the police. He said he feared that he would harm Simelane if he pursued the matter on his own because he felt so let down because of poverty.

"I being needy does not give her the right to take my child away from me. Every child deserves to be with their parent and to be recognised by their rightful surname," Mamba said.

He said the police advised them to perform a DNA test to prove who the father was. Mamba highlighted that a DNA test was costly and would take him a while to come up with the said E4 200.

## Ndumiso is not the father- mother

**THE mother of the fought-over baby boy Lungile Simelane refuted the allegations that she gave the child to Melusi Nkambule because he has more money.**

Simelane said she knows who impregnated her and it is definitely not Mamba. The mother said Mamba has three children already from different mothers and that

he cannot afford to have a fourth one. "Ndumiso is not the father of my child, I do not understand why he is drawing all this unnecessary attention. I know where I got pregnant," said Simelane. She said she was yet to decide whether she agrees to a DNA test or not because she feels it is pointless.

## ...Other father not bothered

**THE preferred father of the baby boy Melusi Nkambule is not moved by the claims made by Ndumiso Mamba.**

He said he had no time to entertain people bent on destroying other people's lives. Nkambule said he only cares for his son.



## 86 people murdered between Jan-Sept

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**APART from the three that were murdered over the past week, 86 people have been murdered between January and September.**

According to statistics obtained from the Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS), the rate of mur-

ders increased by four per cent in 2018 compared to last year.

By this time last year, 83 lives had been lost through murder.

Chief Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Phindile Vilakati, said they are noting the rise of murder cases with great concern.

She said some of these murders were caused by disagreements

between related persons or intimate partners.

Vilakati pleaded with those who are hurt not to resort to violence but rather make use of available structures that deal with such matters which are the police, churches, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), psycho-therapists and government hospitals.

"Communication is a therapy on

its own. Your problems and your anger are nothing new in the world," Vilakati said. Meanwhile, the International Mental Health Resource Services' (IMERSE) Programme Director Dumsani Njobo Mamba says 10 per cent of some murders have direct association with mental illness.

He said there is a link between anything that happens in life and mental health.

"Understanding the link between

the two requires consideration of other variables such as substance abuse, environmental stressors, anger management and history of violence. All of these are factors that impact on one's mental well-being and wellness," Mamba said.

He said direct association between mental illness with murder and any violent act for that matter have escalated the stigmatisation of people living with mental health disorders and mental health in its entity.

# SIPHO SHONGWE LOSES EXTRADITION APPLICATION

**COVER STORY**

Stories by Sifiso Nhlabatsi  
Manzini

**MURDER** suspect Sipho Shongwe's bid to stop the court from continuing with the case that will see him being extradited back into South Africa has been dismissed by Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo.

The principal magistrate informed Shongwe yesterday during his court appearance that the court has a duty to deal with the matter without any undue delay.

Shongwe had applied to court to have the case that could see him extradited back to the Republic of South Africa dismissed on certain grounds.

South Africa filed a request to have Shongwe extradited to the neighbouring country where he will face a number of charges, including the alleged contravention of Section 117 of the Correctional Service Act No. 111 of 1998, which is escaping and absconding from custody and another charge of forgery and uttering.

Magistrate Khumalo, who is handling the extradition case, made it clear that the court would continue dealing with the extradition process as opposed to dismissing it.

Khumalo said it would be dangerous for the Eswatini court to place itself at the mercy of the Mpumalanga High Court where the validity of the warrants of Shongwe's arrest leading to the extradition case is being challenged.

Shongwe was opposing his extradition based on three points of law;

● *Shongwe had applied to court to have the case that could see him extradited back to the Republic of South Africa dismissed on certain grounds. South Africa filed a request to have Shongwe extradited to the neighbouring country where he will face a number of charges, including the alleged contravention of Section 117 of the Correctional Service Act No. 111 of 1998, which is escaping and absconding from custody and another charge of forgery and uttering*

first being that there is no registered case against him back in South Africa, the validity of his warrant of arrest which is still being challenged at the Mpumalanga High Court and lastly, Shongwe was opposing the extradition case because he is currently facing a murder charge in the country which is an offence more serious than that which he is being wanted for in South Africa. Passing judgement on whether the extradition case should proceed or not, the principal magistrate said Section 9 of the Extradition Act states that the court must deal with the case and if it is found that Shongwe must go to South Africa, the court will proceed to take Shongwe to South Africa. He said the Extradition Act gives the provision that the Kingdom of Eswatini can postpone the surrender of the suspect so that the criminal prosecution in Eswatini could run its course.

### Surrendered

The principal magistrate said if the suspect is facing a sentence in the country, that sentence will run its full length before the accused is surrendered to the requesting state. Khumalo said there is no prejudice to be suffered by the requested state or the suspect if an extradition enquiry is conducted while he faces a criminal charge in the requested state.

"By necessary implication, Shongwe is saying that the extradition inquiry

should only proceed in the event the case in the Mpumalanga High Court, has been dismissed," Khumalo said, pointing out that however it is *trite* law that court proceedings cannot be lightly stayed once they have been instituted.

He said a strong reason must exist if the proceedings are to be stayed. Khumalo said the fact that there is a case pending in Mpumalanga, which has a bearing on the case currently at the Manzini Magistrate's Court, does not pose a strong or exceptional ground that will justify a stay of the currently pending extradition proceedings.

### Withdrawn

"There is no guarantee that the Mpumalanga case will take off any time soon.

It is common cause that at times cases fail to take off, at times cases may be withdrawn or removed from the roll.

Even if finalised, there is no certainty that the ruling will be in favour of the respondent," Khumalo said.

He also pointed out that it is not in the interest of justice to keep legal proceedings in limbo. The principal magistrate said Section 9 (1) of the Extradition Act states that such matters must be dealt with without undue delay.

He said the assertion that the Mpumalanga High Court can invalidate the warrant relating to the case to collapse the pending proceed-

ings is nothing but speculation.

"This court has a duty to deal with the matter without any undue delay," Khumalo stated. The principal magistrate said once the court comes to the conclusion that the suspect is liable to be surrendered to the requesting state; it shall issue an order committing the accused to prison to await the minister's decision with regards to his surrender.

### Suspect

The principal magistrate said, however, committing of the suspect to prison pending his surrender by the minister does not give the minister an automatic mandate to surrender the suspect to the requesting state.

"He must factor in certain considerations, Article 18 of the Extradition agreement between South Africa and the Kingdom of Eswatini provides that where the suspect sought to be extradited is also facing a prosecution or serving a sentence in the requested state (Eswatini), the requested state has an option of postponing the surrender of the suspect to the requesting state until the prosecution or serving of the sentence by that state is over," part of the principal magistrate's judgement reads.

"In light of the foregoing, it therefore follows that the points of law ought to be dismissed," reads part of the principal magistrate's decision.



**LOSES:** Murder suspect Sipho Shongwe.

## Bail application hearing tomorrow

**FRESH** from being granted bail by the High Court fixed at E500 000, businessman Sipho Shongwe will once again fight to be granted bail by the Manzini Magistrate's Court.

The bail application comes after Shongwe failed to successfully move an application opposing his extradition back to South Africa.

The opposing application was dismissed by Manzini Principal Magistrate David Khumalo yesterday. Shongwe's attorneys immediately tried to move a bail application after their application to have the extradition stayed was dismissed but the crown informed the court that they were not ready to proceed with the bail application as they were of the idea that yesterday the court was going to deal with the extradition only.

### Pleased

However, Shongwe's lawyer Sipho Mnisi informed the court that he was not pleased with the way the crown was handling the matter by merely saying the crown is not ready to deal with a matter while there is someone languishing in custody.

Mnisi further pointed out to the court that his client has just been granted bail by the High Court fixed at E500 000. However, he remains in custody after the crown filed an appeal against the bail order. It was finally agreed that the bail application will be made tomorrow at 9am at the Manzini Magistrate's Court.

## ...Shongwe free to sue state for unlawful detention

**WITH** murder suspect Sipho Shongwe having failed to successfully oppose his extradition back to South Africa, the fear is that he may end up being subjected to unlawful detention.

This is if it happens that he is extradited only to find that the papers used in the extradition process are invalid.

"The fear by respondent (Shongwe) is allegedly that he may be surren-

dered to South Africa and after some time the warrant be invalidated having already spent some time in detention," the principal magistrate remarked.

He said in any event if at all such an occurrence occurs, it may be open to the respondent to sue for unlawful arrest and detention.

The principal magistrate said Shongwe can sue either South Africa or the Kingdom of Eswatini.

This is because Shongwe has argued that there is no registered criminal case in the requesting state (South Africa) and that there is nothing to show that he is wanted in that state in connection to criminal prosecution.

It was revealed in court that certain documentation has been relied upon and the court has been called upon to discharge the respondent in

terms of Section 10 (20) of the Extradition Act. Khumalo said the court has taken into consideration that the documents relied upon by the respondent in this regard are not authentic but they are just mere copies.

Khumalo said there is also a dispute of facts regarding the context in which these documents were lodged in the proceedings.

He said the respondent is contend-

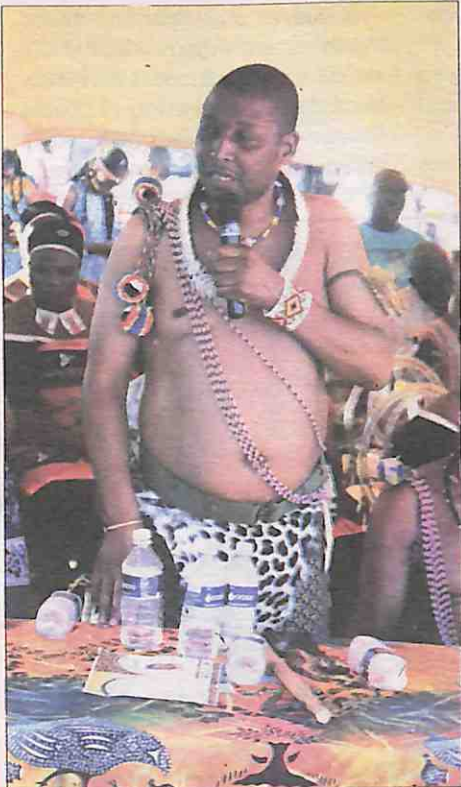
ing that the documents prove that he has no criminal charges to face in South Africa while the applicant's attorney argued that the documents were lodged to show that the respondent applied for the South African identity documents at some point in time and for him to justify that he was entitled to such a document he had to provide information that he was facing no criminal charge in South Africa.

Khumalo said this therefore creates a dispute of facts which can be resolved through leading oral evidence.



## 4 PICTURES

# MJINDINI UMMEMO



**SPEECH:** Mjindini Chief Prince Kenneth Nkosi making his remarks during the Ummemo held at Mjindini Royal Residence in Barberton, South Africa over the past weekend. (Pics: Samson Ncongwane)



**WATCHING:** Prince Bukhosi pictured with Makoko Chief Isaac Mdluli (r).



**ENTERTAINMENT:** Sagila sase Mbhuleni gave a splendid performance during the event.



**MAIDENS:** Members of Ligcabho LaMhlekezi awaiting their turn to perform.



**IN SMILES:** Umbutto S'gcebhe Dlamini from UEDF (2nd r) pictured with Lutsango from the country's security forces.



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**SHONA PHANSI:** Ligcabho LaMhlekezi in full swing as they performed.



**SPECTACLE:** It was a visually striking display as all attendees collaborated and danced to 'Imphi Seyihlangene'.



**INGADLA:** Bocwephesha Cultural Group performing during the event.





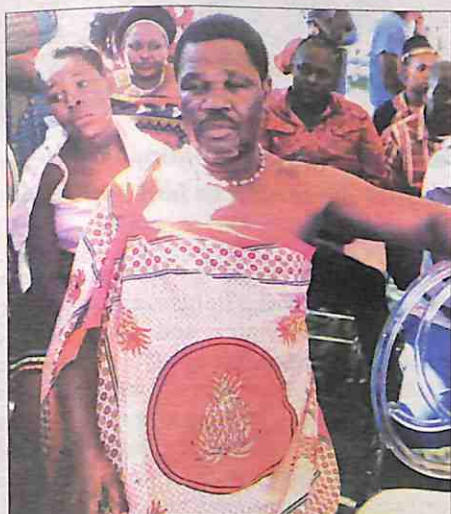
**ZULU WAY:** Mpumalanga House of Traditional Leaders (MPHTL) Chairperson Inkosi Hhoyi II pictured with his deputy Inkosi Cecil Mahlangu.



**LUNYAWO PHEZULU:** Amathole Ezinyathi Girls Cultural Group performing.



**ISHAYILE:** Sagila SeMnikati giving out their best performance at the function.



**ALSO THERE:** Ministry of Home Affairs Chief Celebrations Officer James Vilakati following proceedings.



**NGETE NGASALA:** Inkosi Hhoyi II's Inkhosikati LaMdluli also attended the event.



**READY:** Umbutfo S'gcebhe Dlamini pictured in readiness for the event.

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## 6 NATIONAL NEWS

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**BHEKITHEMBA 'Malindane'** Mamba, a popular inyanga from Jabulani area outside Nhlango, received gifts (Umhlambiso) worth over E250 000 from his in-laws.

Mamba, who is a polygamist with three wives, wedded his senior wife Calisile Mamba (La-Sihlongonyane) the traditional way over the weekend. He is considered one of the richest traditional healers not only in the Shiselweni region but also in the country. He boasts clients who are believed to be also prominent figures in society.

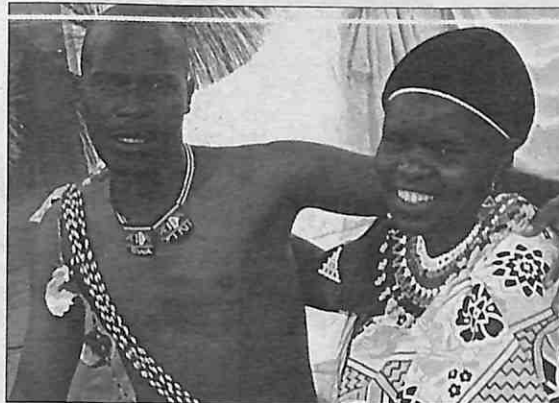
His senior wife La-Sihlongonyane is from Kubuta. The popular inyanga, whose clients include even those from many parts of Africa, said the ceremony started on Friday and ended on Sunday. He said his in-laws with other wedding guests from Kubuta arrived on Friday.

#### Guests

He said some of the guests were from far as Dvokolwako and others from the northern part of the kingdom as well as from South Africa. On Sunday, which was the main day, the homestead saw almost 2 000 people witnessing the colourful ceremony where the in-laws presented gifts to the Mamba household. At least four cows were slaughtered and according to Mamba; food was in abundance.

"For the gifts presented to us, I mean the Mamba family, calculations show that a sum of over E250 000 was spent. The lounge suit, the base set and all that was presented to me; a huge amount of money was spent. I am really excited about a big day with my senior wife, La-Sihlongonyane. She has made me

# RICH INYANGA RECEIVES E250 000 UMHLAMBISO



**GIFTS:** Popular inyanga Bhekithemba 'Malindane' Mamba with his senior wife Calisile Mamba (La-Sihlongonyane) during the umtsimba ceremony. 2. Mamba seated on the lounge suit which was part of the gifts presented to him by his in-laws. (Pics: Starsky Mkhonta)

proud as almost every member of the family was also presented with something," said Mamba.

As lobola (dowry), sometime last year Mamba paid 17 herd of cattle to the Sihlongonyanes to tame his first wife, Calisile.

Meanwhile, Mamba said he spent a lot of money in preparing for the ceremony held over the weekend. He said he had to slaughter four cows for the event and stated that he was happy that from Friday up to the last day there was enough food

for everyone.

"Such a ceremony is not just meant for only the couple's happiness but even those who are part of it should be catered for. I never received any complaints as all went according to plans," said Mamba.

Mamba said they were blessed with five children with his senior wife. He said they have been together for over 21 years. He was planning to marry his second wife, Happy Mamba (La-Makhanya) in the next couple of months almost the same way.

"I have to marry all of my wives the traditional way. I married them through the 'kuteka' but to make them feel special, it's important that we host 'umtsimba' which is what we are seeing today (Sunday)," said Mamba.

#### Plans

Mamba's third wife, who he also plans to marry the same way, is Lindiwe Khumalo. He could not state whether he plans to add another wife to the three he already has. Mamba is a well-known traditional healer whose home is always

found busy as he is believed to be gifted in this trade. "He has customers throughout the country and some include businesspeople as well as church leaders.

His other clients come from many parts of Africa and at times you find vehicles all over the yard and you could be mistaken that a function is taking place when in actual fact these are his patients. He is a wealthy man who affords anything," said Hanson Fakudze, a close friend who was part of the organising committee of the ceremony.

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlango

**Old man from Siyendle under Gege constituency desperately needs help after a bolt of lightning struck his house and burnt almost everything that was inside.**

Senzenjani Nhlabatsi (75), has been left almost homeless after the incident which occurred last week Tuesday when a bolt of lightning struck his two room house where almost everything inside was reduced to ashes. Fortunately, Nhlabatsi, was not inside when the incident took place at around 6pm. It is said Nhlabatsi, who lives alone, was in a nearby kitchen preparing a meal for himself before he could go to sleep.

According to the Bucopho of the area Mfaniseni Vilakati, the old man heard a loud bang at first and he never paid much attention as he was aware that there was a

## Lightning burns Mkhulu's house

heavy storm on the day in question.

"It was when he felt a smell coming from outside the kitchen that he decided to investigate and he found that it was coming from the house.

He rushed into the house and to his shock; flames were already devouring his belongings such as his bed and clothes as well as blankets. Chairs and mats as well as other goods were reduced to ashes, including important documents," said Vilakati. Vilakati said with the old man confused what to do; neighbours rushed to the homestead and made efforts to put out the flames. "Little was saved as the flames were strong and it took quite a long time to have the fire under control. As the neighbours were fighting the flames, Nhlabatsi was standing a distance away and wept when realising that all his belongings

were up in smoke," said Vilakati.

Vilakati said Nhlabatsi; a widower living alone, now needs help. He said the old man lost his sons while his daughters were now at their matrimonial homes.

"All his sons passed away while two if not three of his daughters are now married and reside with their families.

They (daughters) do come to check on him but not all the time as they stay at their matrimonial homesteads. They have been alerted about the incident and I am told they have assisted him with something even though it's not much. The old man still needs help, especially a bed to sleep on. He also needs blankets and clothes as well as shoes," said Vilakati.

Vilakati appealed to anyone who may want to assist the old man to contact him at 7632 6941.

## Mcebo lynches on livestock thieves

By Samkelisiwe Khoza  
Mbabane

**TWO alleged livestock thieves from Maphungwane are lucky to be alive after they were attacked by a mob over the weekend.**

The two alleged rogues are said to have been caught with a slaughtered cow on Saturday evening at a local forest. The livestock theft, which the residents said is becoming a norm amongst members of the community, has been going on for years. The said thieves were allegedly caught with the cow and were in the process of finishing the job before stuffing the meat and smuggling it out of the community to sell to restaurants at Siteki.

They are said to have been suspected after the three well-known livestock thieves were arrested a couple of months ago when they were caught in the same act. One of the three suspects was shot on the back of his knee by the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UEDF) when he decided to run for it when they were caught.

The said thieves are said to be between the ages of 35 and 40. These men are said to have been firstly caught an eye of two residents while they were from a local drinking spot at around 8pm. The passersby are said to have used a traditional trail by the forest to hide away from cars as they feared possibility of being run over due to their drunken state. "We were both drunk but I was not too drunk. We were instantly startled by a continuously moving

flash light rays coming from the heart of the forest," said the witness.

He said his mind slowly recalled that they have been experiencing the disappearance of livestock, especially cattle, for a while. The witness quickly dragged his companion by hand and forced him to run towards home.

They are said to have quickly rushed to a cousin's homestead, a victim of livestock theft, and notified him about their suspicions.

The said victim is said to have alerted other neighbours and they regrouped before heading for the forest. The two alleged thieves were beaten with fists, kicks and tree branches from around the forest.

"The community has been suffering the loss of cows for over a year now and we believed that they are being consumed by wild dogs or have lost their way back home," said the source.

## Is Mcebo Dlamini running for ANCYL presidency?

By Sabelo Majola  
Mbabane

**IS Eswatini born South Africa based political activist Mcebo Dlamini running for the African National Congress Youth League presidency?**

This question begs an answer to reports that the former Wits University SRC president and #FeesMustFall activist is vying for the position which is currently held by outgoing President Collen Maine.

The party is expected to elect new members this month. There has been an argument that Dlamini being born in Eswatini makes him a foreigner and, therefore, he has no legitimate claims to the Youth League presidency. The argument was joined by Malaika Mahlatsi, who came to Dlamini's defence on the matter.

Mahlatsi is a South African writer, political commentator, essayist, blogger, columnist and television presenter. She is also a self-proclaimed feminist. In a long Facebook post, Mahlatsi blasted the faction of people who labelled Dlamini as a 'foreigner' and she said what they are saying is vulgar.

"Firstly, a youth league of an organisation that prides itself on having an African nationalist orientation cannot engage a discussion at such a pedestrian level, especially because such an organisation is expected to have an appreciation of the history that gave birth to people like Mcebo,

who were born and raised in exile because of conditions that were not of their choosing. Secondly, unless things have changed, Mcebo holds a legitimate South African citizenship. The Constitution of the ANCYL clearly stipulates that membership is open to young people who hold South African citizenship. It doesn't say this citizenship is specific to only young people who were born in South Africa," she said.

Mahlatsi said the Youth League Constitution itself makes allowance for Dlamini to contest. She also said that throughout the years that Dlamini has committed himself to activities of the Youth League, no-one had raised the issue of him being born in Eswatini.

"Why is a South African citizen born in Swaziland good enough to fulfil his obligations as stipulated in Article H in the Youth League Constitution but not good enough to exercise his legitimate rights as a member, stipulated within the same article?" Mahlatsi said she wouldn't personally support Dlamini if she was a Youth League member but to want to subject him to this vulgar test of authenticity was violent and a contradiction of the society the ANC claims it wants to fashion and more violent was the demand that he reveal who his father was.

"For what reason since that has no bearing on his legitimacy as that's already settled by his authentic citizenship?"



# BAIL OPPOSED FOR MAN WHO KICKED BOY (6) TO DEATH

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**FACING a murder charge, a man who kicked to death a six-year old boy might spend Christmas booked at His Majesty's Correctional facility as the state is opposing his bail.**

Mduduzi Dlamini (37) yesterday had his urgent bail application postponed to a later date by the High Court as a report from the Social Welfare Department under the DPM's office is yet to be considered after being submitted before court.

Appearing before Judge

Nkosinathi Maseko, Dlamini who was represented by lawyer Leo Ndvuna Dlamini, was remanded back into custody as the crown is vigorously opposing his bail and his fate shall be determined by the report filed by the welfare office.

## Affidavit

According to the charge sheet, the suspect is charged with murder in that at or near Magengeni area in the Hhohho region, he did unlawfully and intentionally kill one Mpendulo Dlamini, a six-year-old-minor, by kicking him all over the body several times and thus committed the offence of murder.

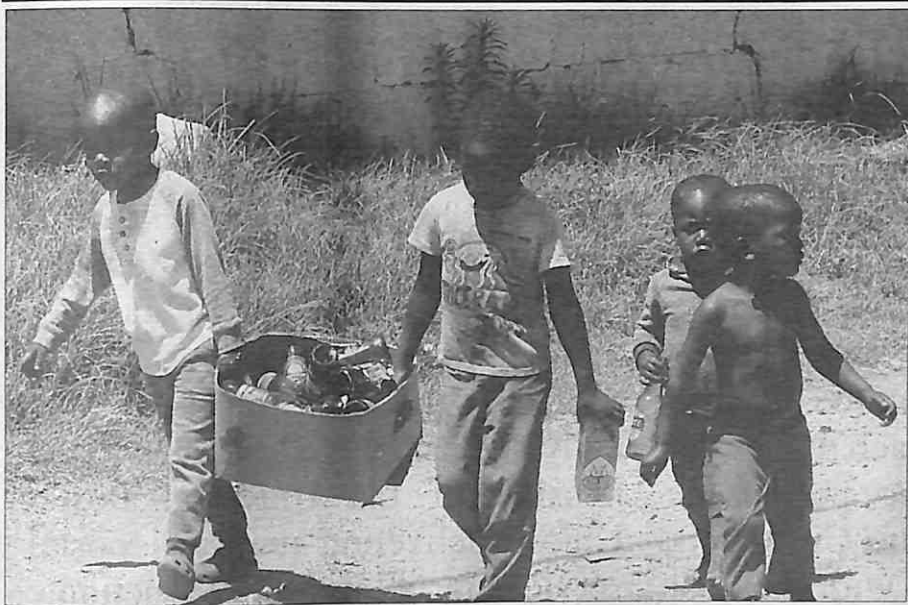
In his affidavit, he submitted that he was arrested by the

Buhleni police after surrendering himself and subsequently charged with murder before he was booked into the Pigg's Peak Correctional facility where he is currently kept.

"I wish to state I am innocent of the charges of murder and I will definitely plead not guilty since I did not intend to commit the offence. If admitted to bail, I will abide by all conditions and stand trial," he submitted.

He offered to pay E5 000 cash and E45 000 in a form of a surety and further submitted that he is a sickly person who is asthmatic and has three minor children and a family to look after.

## BUSINESS MINDED



**BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS:** These young boys carry empty bottles in a bid to sell them for extra cash after collecting them from different drinking holes at Msunduzi yesterday. (Pic: Mduduzi Mngomezulu)

## Woman arrested for falsifying age for army job

By Wonderboy Dlamini  
Siteki

**A 34-year-old woman appeared before the Magistrate's Court after she was arrested for falsifying her age in a bid to appear eligible for army job recruitments.**

Under normal circumstances, the army and other uniformed forces recruit individuals who are not above the age of 30. On special instances, the forces can recruit individuals who are above the said age, only when they are in possession of certain professional qualifications.

The accused person, Fortunate Maziya (34) of Maphungwane, was charged with contravening Section 33 (d) as read with

section 34 of the Births, Marriages and Death (BMD) Registration Act of 1983.

She is said to have wrongfully and unlawfully altered her actual birth date, 1984 and entered 1988 as her date of birth when registering for a birth certificate at the Siteki government offices.

However, when the BMD officer entered the information in the computer system, it transpired that the accused had a registered certificate which reflected her actual age.

Maziya also faced a similar charge on a second count, in that she proceeded and produced a false certificate to the BMD officer, purporting to be a genuine copy of her birth certificate while knowing that it had been forged. Maziya

appeared before Senior Magistrate Donald Mavuso where she conducted her own defence.

When the charge was read to her, the accused pleaded guilty to the charge. Her plea was also accepted by the Crown without leading evidence to prove commission of the offence. During mitigation, Maziya asked the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying she committed the offence out of desperation.

She disclosed that she was desperate to join the Umbutfo Eswatini Defence Force (UESD), which is why she falsified her age. The accused was accordingly found guilty of the offence. She was sentenced to 30 days in a correctional facility for each count, which was, however, wholly suspended.

## Pensioner demands E600 000 from MVA

By Sandile Nkambule  
High Court

**A pensioner who was involved in a road traffic accident while driving in his car, is demanding over E600 000 from Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (SMVAF).**

Joshua Bukhosi Mkhonta of Mnyamatsini area at the foot of Malagwane Hill, is actually suing the fund a total sum of E6 006 151.13.

Mkhonta, who yesterday appeared before Judge Nkosinathi Maseko, alleges that the driver of the motor vehicle, Sydney Vusimango Kunene, failed to take a proper look out and was negligent as he swerved his vehicle to his (Mkhonta's) lane resulting in a massive head-on collision.

According to his particulars of claim, he wants compensation for loss of earnings and medical expenses, amongst

● **His car was involved in road traffic accident with another, wants compensation for loss of earnings, medical expenses**

others.

Mkhonta informed the court that following numerous attempts he made to file a claim with MVA, he failed and thus decided to approach the court for remedy.

He stated that while driving in his Toyota Corolla registered ESD 547 BH along the MR3 public road next to Sibane Hotel on his way to Mnyamatsini, Kunene, who was driving a Toyota Hilux registered ESD 915 BM, lost control of his vehicle and swerved to his (Mkhonta's) lane.

After the accident had occurred, Mkhonta said Melusi 'Zox' Dlamini was the first to arrive at the scene and he tried fishing him out of the vehicle and thereafter he passed out, only to find himself in a hospital bed at the Mbabane Clinic.

However lawyer Sabelo Masuku, who is representing MVA in the matter, put it to Mkhonta during cross-examination that the accident was as a result of his (Mkhonta's) negligence.

Masuku informed Mkhonta that a witness would be brought to court and testify that Mkhonta in fact hit another motorist and sped off, before being involved in the near fatal accident.

When asked if he had taken alcoholic beverages on the night of the accident, Mkhonta told the court he had only taken one glass of wine after having supper at the Calabash Restaurant.

"I had only gone for supper at Calabash and took only one glass of wine. I deny that I was on the wrong when the accident happened," Mkhonta submitted.

The matter is continuing at the High Court as more witnesses are to be paraded by both the plaintiff and the defence.



### Background

The Baylor College of Medicine Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Clinical Centre of Excellence (COE) in Mbabane and the associated Satellite Centers of Excellence (SCO) at Hlathikulu Government Hospital and RFM Hospital in Manzini are a manifestation of a public-private partnership between the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland and Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, USA. Vikela Ekaya is a project designed to enable community management of households impacted by tuberculosis and is supported through the Stop TB Partnership. The Foundation seeks to immediately fill the following positions:

### VIKELA EKAYA PROJECT MANAGER

#### Job Summary:

Manages and coordinates the activities of the Vikela Ekaya-TB Reach project to ensure that predetermined objectives are met and that project implementation is accomplished, on budget and within specified timeframe. Will report directly to the TB Head of Department and work closely with the Vikela Ekaya/TB Reach project team. Must have excellent organizational and oral communication skills.

#### Essential Functions & Duties:

Under supervision of the Associate Director for the Vikela Ekaya-TB Reach project, he/she will:

- Manage Wave 6 TB Reach/Vikela Ekaya daily project operations and maintain organized records of all efforts associated with TB Reach project deliverables
- Ensure that implementation and prescribed activities are carried out in accordance with specified programmatic objectives, within budget and on specified timeline
- Manage scheduling of project home visits and support monitoring of patient follow-up and outcome documentation
- Be a flexible leader and manager the overall team implementing the Vikela Ekaya project
- Review and organize project staff roles and responsibilities for projects success
- Contributes to and support the completion of TB Reach quarterly and final reports
- Conduct final review of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) data, alongside the M&E Officer and TB Head of Department, to ensure completion for programmatic evaluation
- Communicate clearly and efficiently with Vikela Ekaya, NTCP and MOH staff, and Baylor colleagues
- Supports all project start up and post-award activities, as specified by TB Reach
- Consistently displays a highly collaborative, proactive work style
- Other duties as assigned

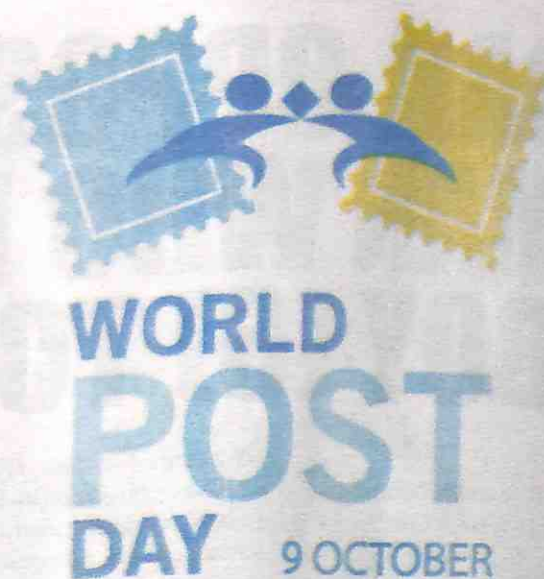
#### Requirements & Qualifications:

- Preferred Bachelor's degree or degree equivalent in public health, program management, health administration or a related field.
- 2-3 years of project management, implementation, M&E experience or other relevant experience.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.
- Fluency in English and SiSwati.

#### Applications

Application Letter addressed to the Executive Director, Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation- Swaziland, P.O. Box 110, Mbabane should be submitted to the Finance and Administration Manager at BCMCF Swaziland, Cnr. Somhlolo and Sigwili Street, Kent Rock, Mbabane or by e-mail to: [cmasinga@baylorswaziland.org.sz](mailto:cmasinga@baylorswaziland.org.sz). All applications should be accompanied by a cover letter and copies of certificates. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Deadline: 10 October 2018.





## 2018 MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

### The Post: Delivering good to the world

*Statement by Bishar A. Hussein, Director General of the UPU International Bureau on the occasion of World Post Day, 9 October 2018*

**E**very day around the globe, postal services make a difference in the lives of people and communities. By providing affordable, trusted and reliable communication services to all, the Post is delivering good to the world.

The more than 600,000 postal outlets globally are used by private citizens and businesses to send letters, parcels and remittances, and also to conduct financial transactions and philatelic activities, even in some of the world's remotest places.

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In the current digital age, the Post has positioned itself as a major player in global e-commerce. Its "one global network" approach makes the Post an obvious delivery partner for businesses selling online. Customers choose to do business with the Post based on its track record of being trustworthy, reliable and affordable.

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To mark World Post Day this year, we have chosen the theme "The Post: Delivering good to the world." We encourage everyone to take a moment to appreciate our gallant postmen and postwomen, whose daily dedication is a testament to the mission of the Universal Postal Union: delivering universal postal services for all in order to facilitate communication between all citizens.

The Post has delivered good to the world for centuries - through the trusted postmen and postwomen in each community. As we mark World Post Day today, let us celebrate trust, reliability and security as the hallmark of postal services worldwide.

I wish you successful World Post Day celebrations.

**Bishar.A.Hussein**  
UPU Director General



# 'THEY ARE BLOCKING ME FROM MEETING KING'

By Starsky Mkhonta  
Nhlangano

**OUTSPOKEN** Hlatikulu resident Mfeneziamtfofa Magagula has claimed that he has been blocked several times from meeting His Majesty King Mswati III and present him with two cows as a gift.

Magagula said it's been three years now since he has been trying to present the King with the two cows without any success. He said this was despite that he has been following all protocol observed whenever one has a gift to present to royalty. He identified a number of people, including respectable ones in society, as the ones that were frustrating him. He was now not sure what to do in order for him to finally deliver the cows to the King as all attempts had been unsuccessful.

"I have been making arrangements with the relevant people, especially when the King visits the region, to be included in the list but this has not worked as at the end, excuses are given and they then advise me to wait for another time. This is frustrating me such that I can end up giving up in my quest of handing the King this gift. It's clear that there are people who do not want to see me presenting the King with



**BLOCKED:** Mfeneziamtfofa Magagula.

these cows. But these individuals must know that I am not going to give up," said Magagula.

Magagula said what frustrated him most was the fact that he had even obtained the necessary documents, such as the stock removal permit, but, to his disappointment, he could not present the cows to the Head of State.

"Just recently, when His Majesty was in the region for the Umhlanga ceremony, I approached the regional administration

office and was advised to register in order to make the presentation but this never happened. When I thought I would be afforded the chance, someone (identifying him by name) referred to me as 'lobhonzela,' hence told me to forget being afforded any chance this year but wait for another time. He told me that it was only the businesspeople who would make donations to His Majesty," Magagula alleged.

He said the Regional Administrator Themba Masuku, as well as the Regional Secretary Zwakele Dlamini, were aware that he wanted to present two cows to the King. "They (RA and RS) are the ones who advised me to register so that I joined the list of people who were to present gifts to the King when he was here last month for the Umhlanga ceremony.

However, I was not afforded the chance and I am still bitter," said Magagula, emphasising that he would do anything to finally see his dream of presenting the King with the gift come true. When contacted, the RS Zwakele Dlamini asked to be given time as he was still busy.

"I am held up right now. I will call you later," said Dlamini when called at first.

On the second attempt, Dlamini once again asked to be given time, promising to call later. "I have not forgotten but I am still held up," said Dlamini.

## SECURITY GUARDS FIRED, REPLACED WITH DOGS

By Sizwe Dlamini  
Pigg's Peak

**ABOUT** nine former security guards claim to have been dismissed from their jobs in favour of five easy to maintain security dogs.

The former security guards who are from Nkhaba, Maguga and Pigg's Peak, went on to claim that they had more than six years of experience in their jobs, only to be replaced in favour of the cheaper dogs.

The replacements occurred last week Thursday in Mbabane.

Due to the fact that the security guard company is yet to be reported to the Conciliation Mediation & Arbitration Commission (CMAC) offices, this publication will withhold the security company's name.

Speaking to this publication on Sunday, the dismissed security guards, who all preferred to remain anonymous, said they were dismissed for minor incidents on purpose.

"Some of us have worked at the security guard company for more than six years as basic security guards. A majority of our colleagues who joined the company with us have since left the company due to the low wages and long working hours. Unfortunately, for some of us, we could not find other jobs so we focused on this one. Last month, we overheard rumours that the company was planning to dismiss a few security

guards because they were not respecting the company policy. For us that was a lie because the company is so strict that one wrong move will see you dismissed quickly in the past," they said.

"The company failed to tell the truth. What was really happening was that the company was enjoying good profits and in an effort to boost these profits, the company decided to dismiss us. We were earning E1 800 monthly and were dismissed in favour of dogs that don't receive any monthly wages. The company began to dismiss us for very weak charges like arriving to work late or leaving security guard post repeatedly. Within the space of one week, about nine of us were dismissed while five dogs were added to the team. Tomorrow, we will report the incident to CMAC," they added.

When reached for comment, the company's human resources office said the dismissed security guards are lying. "The dismissed individuals had been breaking company policies multiple times. We gave them notice and we brought the individuals before a disciplinary committee which ruled that they be dismissed.

It is true that the company has acquired new dogs to bolster security staff but a dog cannot replace a human. I will wait for the phone call from CMAC so to defend the company," he said.



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**Reports to:** Director – GMU

**CANGO seeks a Finance Analyst for its Grants Management Unit (GMU) to provide accurate analysis of Sub Recipient (SR) financial reports, monitor SR financial movements and recommend actions through written formal reports.**

**Key Responsibilities:**

- 1. Sub Recipient Financial Oversight**
  - a. Reconciles transactions by comparing and correcting data
  - b. Recommends actions by analyzing and interpreting data and making comparative analyses; studying proposed changes in methods and materials
  - c. Identifies financial status by comparing and analyzing actual results with plans and forecasts.
  - d. Guides cost analysis process by establishing and enforcing policies and procedures; providing trends and forecasts; explaining processes and techniques; recommending actions.
  - e. Improves financial status by analyzing results; monitoring variances; identifying trends; recommending actions to management.
  - f. Gather and organize financial data from all SRs
  - g. Compile and analyze financial reports and find discrepancies that require senior management's attention
  - h. Manage the general ledger and devote time to risk management, especially with regard to accounts receivable
  - i. Prepare financial reports with reliable conclusions that management can use to implement more effective operational strategies
  - j. Consult with GMU Director to develop forecasts and catch up plans
  - k. Prepare accounting and other required reports and projections based on analysis performed
  - l. Coordinate with other members of the finance team when required to review financial information and forecast
  - m. Prepare monthly report on Sub-Recipient Advances.
- 2. Grant Movable Asset/ Inventory Management**
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  - b) Produce and disseminate asset verification findings with specific recommendations.

**Qualifications & Skills:**

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting with 5 years' work experience. Auditing experience of at least 3 years will be an added advantage
- Experience working for donor funded projects
- Proficient in spreadsheets, databases, MS Office and financial software applications. Knowledge of Sun system an added advantage
- Expert-level analytical and financial modeling skills
- Strategic thinking
- Ability to influence and persuade
- Excellent time management and organizational skills
- Ability to multitask and meet constant deadlines
- Willingness to work long hours when necessary
- Fluent in both siSwati and English
- At least 3 years driving experience

Interested applicants should submit a Cover letter and Resume with copies of their academic certificates. Application must be emailed to [rfa2018@cango.org.sz](mailto:rfa2018@cango.org.sz) Hand-delivered applications will not be accepted. Further correspondence will be limited to shortlisted candidates.

**Closing Date: Friday 12 October, 2018.**

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# WE NEED TO IDENTIFY OLD SWAZI BOUNDARIES'

By Mbono Mdluli  
Mjindini, South Africa

**THERE is a need to identify the boundaries of the old Eswatini to know more about the origins of the country.**

This was said over the past weekend by Mjindini Chief Prince Kenneth Nkosi. He said this during an *ummemo* traditional ceremony that was held at Mjindini Royal Residence in Barberton, South Africa. Nkosi said Emaswati need to enrich themselves with knowledge on how Eswatini was born a long time ago.

"We need to give time to ourselves so that we go and research about the boundaries and enrich ourselves with the old boundaries of our country," Nkosi said.

He further stated that it was true that the land on which they were hosting the traditional ceremony belonged to Eswatini.

He said what was more worrisome was that Eswatini lost a great deal from the proceeds made from most of the land in Mpumalanga yet this land belonged to this country. He made an example of the mines that Barberton had. He said the town made money from the minerals there but Eswatini got nothing out of that.

Nkosi said they heard that the boundaries stretched as far as Springs and

Soweto, but that had to be confirmed. He said they had to talk about something they knew when they started arguing their case because for now, they did not have the accurate information.

The chief further implored the people of Mjindini and surrounding areas to always be happy when there were events like *ummemo*. He said they should be part of this event from the time of the building of structures of the *umphakatsi* like kraals right up to the time of the celebration after the works had been done.

He said people should not think by working at his home they were putting him at an advantage.

"This homestead as per

our culture belongs to everyone in this area. Everyone has to participate in building this homestead so stop thinking you are putting me at an unfair advantage. I do not own a homestead. I am just looking after this place on behalf of the people," he said.

The chief further said he was thankful to the government of South Africa because it supported them in hosting such cultural events. He also thanked councillors for working with them and condemned those that wanted to dictate terms on traditional leaders. He said such councillors were a disgrace because when their time in office was up, they would come back to the very same chiefs for support.

**BACK  
TO  
OUR  
ROOTS:  
Mjindini**

**Chief Prince  
Kenneth Nkosi during an Ummemo  
held at Mjindini  
Royal Residence in  
Barberton, South  
Africa, over the past  
weekend. (Pics:  
Samson Ncongwane)**



**GRAND ENTRANCE: Mjindini Chief Prince Kenneth Nkosi entering the arena with Prince Bukhosi.**



**REMARKS: MPHTL Chairman Inkosi Hhoyi II making his remarks at the event.**

## King commends SA chiefs for good work

**HIS Majesty King Mswati III has commended Emaswati chiefs in Mpumalanga for doing a great job in restoring culture.**

The King said this during an *ummemo* ceremony held at Mjindini in Barberton, South Africa. The King was speaking through Prince Bukhosi, who was leading the delegation from Eswatini. The King said the chiefs work was there for everyone to see. He said the people of the chiefdoms in South Africa had begun to recognise the fact that they were Emaswati, despite that they were living in present day South Africa. The SA based people attended *ummemo* in their huge numbers.

The King made an example of the function at Mjindini, which was attended by about 1 500 people over the whole weekend. The King said this showed that the people were excited about such cultural events because that was where they got to learn about their culture as Emaswati.

He urged the chiefs to continue being an example to their people and teach them about the importance of learning about their culture.

He said culture was a necessary ingredient for unity in any nation and the unity brought about economic development in a nation.

Meanwhile, the event was well attended by residents of Mjindini and surrounding areas.

The Eswatini delegation was led by Prince Bukhosi and it comprised officials from all the security forces and other ministries in government. A number of chiefs from other chiefdoms in Mpumalanga Province were also in attendance.

**KEEP IT UP: Prince Bukhosi, who was leading the delegation from Eswatini, spoke on behalf of His Majesty King Mswati III.**



**IN SONG: Inkhosikati LaNdzimandze (4th I) dancing with Lutsango.**



**PRESENT: King Sobhuza II's grand daughters posing for a picture during the function.**



## LUBOMBO NEWS

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Wonderboy Dlamini

SITEKI MUNICIPALITY  
KICK-STARTS INCLUSIVE  
PLANNING, GOVERNANCE

FOR the country to realise its goal of being counted amongst well-developed countries by 2022, the general public needs to be incorporated in the implementation of development projects taking place in their surroundings.

This is what the municipality of Siteki is reportedly doing, involving the people in the planning and governance of the town.

According to the town clerk, Sithembile Simelane, the steadily developing town has recently implemented a programme which brings rate payers and the general public closer to the executive and let them voice out their suggestions. The programme is said to have been sponsored by the European Union (EU).

## Meetings

Simelane said the council had already had inception meetings, whereby the council project staff and wards introduced the programme to the community. The meetings were conducted in all the town's six wards last week. Residents are said to have shown interest in the programme as they came in great numbers, especially during the last two meetings at Ward Five and Six. Simelane emphasised that the project solely focuses on empowering the Siteki community on inclusive planning and governance of the town. To ensure that the project works effectively, the council is said to have roped in two ward facilitators for each ward, and



HERE: Part of the Siteki Council building.

their job is to intermediate in projects which would be implemented by the council in their respective wards.

"We are very much grateful to the funding by EU as we believe that this programme will improve service delivery as the people will now have a platform to voice out their concerns timeously, instead of waiting for an annual general meeting," said the town clerk.

Simelane was also echoed by Mayor Bhekumuzi Ngomane who pointed out that the programme will afford rate payers a sense of ownership to the develop-

ment of the town.

Meanwhile, Simelane stated that the council would also open up a platform for rate payers to evaluate the effectiveness of the council.

Simelane said the exercise would work more like a satisfaction survey whereby the community will evaluate development projects which have taken place in their respective wards. The exercise will also lead to development of the people's own work plan which they shall implement, monitor and celebrate if it gets to be successful.

Spraying drone may cut  
costs for small scale farmers

A spraying drone which covers a considerable area in a short space of time may be the answer for small scale commercial farmers for effective production.

The drone which is known as a TTA drone is mostly imported from Beijing. One such drone was also showcased at KM III International Airport during the airshow which was hosted at the airport recently. Spectators who were also fond of farming showed interest in the flying equipment which was showcased by Sandile Matsenjwa.

Matsenjwa explained that the drone has come as a sigh of relief to small scale farmers who plough a number of hectares for commercial purposes. Such farming is most common in the sugar cane industry where small scale farmers then sell their produce to larger companies which in turn process the crop into sugar.

Matsenjwa noted that farmers usually face high costs when it comes to spraying their crop for an increased production.

The spraying exercise normally requires a high workforce, something which increases the costs of the business.

However, Matsenjwa said such costs may be cut off by the use of the drone which is easily controlled by one person.

He explained that the drone which carries a maximum of 10 litres of liquid covers at least one hectare in 10 minutes. "This may effectively mean that a farmer would not need manual labour to spray the crops in a few minutes," Matsenjwa said. Normally, large scale farmers use aircrafts to spray their crops. This may be too costly for small scale farmers who, in most instances, face financial challenges.

## Herd of cattle reported stolen recovered near KM III Airport

COMMUNITY police of Malindza last week recovered a herd of cattle which was reported to have been stolen about a month ago.

A total of 12 cattle were recovered near KM III International Airport. This was disclosed by Malindza community police leader Seven Tsabedze when interviewed yesterday. Tsabedze said a resident of Malindza reported to have had his cattle gone missing since late August. The resident believed that the herd of cattle had been stolen after searching for it for over a month. Apparently, stock theft remains rife in the Lubombo region. Tsabedze said they had also uncovered that most stock which would be stolen from the area would be sold to butcheries and individuals as meat portions. After receiving the report of the missing cattle, Tsabedze said community police asked residents to be on the lookout for individuals who would



be selling meat portions in the communities. Butchery owners were also warned not to buy beasts from individuals who have no proper documents to prove ownership.

While continuing with the search, Tsabedze said community police eventually recovered 12 cattle which were found loitering near the airport. "We believe that the cattle had been kept

stolen, but the person who stole them failed to sell them after residents had been warned of a missing herd of cattle," Tsabedze said.

Meanwhile, Tsabedze disclosed that community police were currently looking for a herd of 33 goats, believed to have been stolen from three homesteads about two weeks ago. The goats were grazing when they were allegedly stolen.

MAN FINED E1 000 FOR  
POSSESSION OF DAGGA

A man of Sitsatsaweni was fined a sum of E1 000 after he was nabbed carrying a pack of dagga weighing 362 grammes while in a public space.

Mancoba Sangweni (28) appeared before the Siteki Magistrate's Court where he faced a charge of contravening the pharmacy Act. He was said to have wrongfully and unlawfully possessed dagga, a potentially harmful drug which he kept in a money bag.

When the charge was read to him, the accused pleaded guilty. He told the court that he was actually carrying the said drug for medical purposes. The accused said he was informed that the drug could cure



chest pains, something which he was suffering from. He then pleaded with the court to be lenient when passing sentence, saying that he was a first time offender. He was accordingly found guilty by the court and sentenced to 60 days in a correctional facility with an option to pay E1 000 fine.





## NEW DEPOT FOR FAST-GROWING EZULWINI

BY SIFISO DHLAMINI

**T**HE Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC) is constructing a new depot at Elangeni area to service the fast-growing number of customers at Ezulwini and surrounding areas.

The E20-million project is the first of its kind in EEC's 55-year history. It has spectacular features, which include a state-of-the-art residential complex for employees, revenue centre, picturesque sight and gymnasium. Its construction has been necessitated by the extensive electrification program and fast development at Ezulwini and surrounding areas.

The new depot will come as a sigh of relief to the thousands of customers around Mvutjini, Ezulwini, Lobamba, Mahlanga, Lozitha, Esitjeni, Elangeni, Buka, Mdzimba, Mlindazwe, Lamgabhi and Etinyeni.

Furthermore, this new facility will ease the customer-load currently under the jurisdiction of Stonehenge depot in Mbabane. Apart from the dense population in the capital city, Stonehenge depot is currently responsible for customers in Ngwenya, Hawane, Siphocosi, Ekupheleni, Jubukweni, Dlangeni, Lobamba, Ezulwini, Hhukwini and Elangeni, among others.

The EEC board of directors and management are positive that the Elangeni depot will greatly improve customer experience. Board chairperson S'thofeni Ginindza noted that the depot was in line with His Majesty King Mswati III's 2022 vision of transforming Eswatini into a well-developed state. He paid tribute to the project team for a job well done, given the quality workmanship, admirable turn-around time and protection of the environment.

Managing Director Meshack Kunene stated that the new

...Necessitated by the extensive electrification program and fast development.



The Technicians' residential complex situated next to the new depot.



EEC Draughtsman Mefika Thwala (right) explaining the architectural drawings.



EEC Board Chairperson S'thofeni Ginindza (centre) pictured with management during a site-visit to Elangeni.



The Board Chairperson being briefed about the multi-million project.



work-station would reduce the customer loads for three depots, namely: Malkerns, Matsapha and Stonehenge. He said the response time to customer concerns would be greatly improved.

"This facility is of national importance and is strategically positioned to service the

growing number of customers. It will also focus on key national sites such as the royal residences, parliament building, Mlilwane Nature Reserve, among others," he said.

...the depot was in line with His Majesty King Mswati III's 2022 vision of transforming Eswatini into a well-developed state...

Added Kunene, "All these places need immediate response whenever there are issues with electricity."

Hhohho Regional Engineer Cusilakhe Manana, last week, charmed the Ezulwini rate-payers by informing them that they were the main reason for the construction

of the new depot. Manana assured the rate-payers during their annual general meeting that given the proximity of the new depot they would now get first-class service.

The project commenced in September 2017 and will be completed next month.

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Certificate#	Discipline	Category and Grade	NAME OF CONTRACTOR	Certificate#	Discipline	Category and Grade	NAME OF CONTRACTOR
BF				BF			
BF01312	General Building Works	B1	Abambisane Construction Swaziland	B00493	General Building Works	B4	LTS Construction
BF01133	General Building Works	B1	Aveng Grinaker-LTA	B01087	General Building Works	B4	MBX Investments
BF02246	General Building Works	B1	Clear Choice Builders	B00163	General Building Works	B4	Man Of Steel Construction
BF00294	General Building Works	B1	Mar & Dar Swazi GRC	B00666	General Building Works	B4	Mphenda Construction
BF01216	General Building Works	B1	Stefanutti Stocks (Pty) Ltd	B00685	General Building Works	B4	Mvubula Construction
BF00573	General Building Works	B1	Style Form Building	B00510	General Building Works	B4	Nez Twins
B1				B01651	General Building Works	B4	Njelwane Construction
B00383	General Building Works	B1	Afrotim Construction	B00751	General Building Works	B4	Nkulu Investments
B00394	General Building Works	B1	Akuse Construction	B00171	General Building Works	B4	Nkwali Construction
B00413	General Building Works	B1	Camdel Construction	B00172	General Building Works	B4	NNBZ Construction
B00413	General Building Works	B1	Construction Associates	B01394	General Building Works	B4	Nomiso Investments
B00425	General Building Works	B1	Dan & Don Construction	B00518	General Building Works	B4	On The Dot Investments
B00221	General Building Works	B1	Du-Van Developers	B00174	General Building Works	B4	Pat Pat Investments
B00448	General Building Works	B1	FJ Building Construction	B01316	General Building Works	B4	Psybot Investments
B00475	General Building Works	B1	J&E Construction	B00714	General Building Works	B4	Push Builders
B00487	General Building Works	B1	Kukhanya Civil Engineering Contractors	B01792	General Building Works	B4	Sandza Construction
B00511	General Building Works	B1	NS Construction	B00350	General Building Works	B4	Shandez Construction
B00525	General Building Works	B1	Pots Construction	B00721	General Building Works	B4	Si-Bhekinkosi Investments
B00538	General Building Works	B1	Roots Construction	B01645	General Building Works	B4	Simplus Construction
B00761	General Building Works	B1	Stefanutti Stocks Construction Swaziland	B00708	General Building Works	B4	SLS Construction
B00771	General Building Works	B1	Total Building Construction & Civil Works	B01209	General Building Works	B4	Sonaka Construction
B2				B00570	General Building Works	B4	SSLTG Builder & Contractor
B01786	General Building Works	B2	Afri Civils	B02358	General Building Works	B4	Tall Genius Construction
B00391	General Building Works	B2	A.M.S Building Contractors	B00365	General Building Works	B4	Tibuyile Investments
B00416	General Building Works	B2	Coden Enterprises	B00583	General Building Works	B4	T.M.andT. Investments
B00445	General Building Works	B2	ERG Construction	B01957	General Building Works	B4	Trump Construction
B01701	General Building Works	B2	Hancy Construction	B01953	General Building Works	B4	Tselwayimvula Investments
B00465	General Building Works	B2	Homeboyz Construction	B01023	General Building Works	B4	Ucezu Construction
B00471	General Building Works	B2	Image Development Engineering Swaziland	B00593	General Building Works	B4	Umbango Investments
B00469	General Building Works	B2	Innobon Construction	B01405	General Building Works	B4	Yemabuzi Investments
B00271	General Building Works	B2	K. Brothers Construction	B00685	General Building Works	B4	Yenzokuhle Construction
B00498	General Building Works	B2	Lilawu Construction	B01754	General Building Works	B4	Zest Con Solution
B00145	General Building Works	B2	Mkhandlo Construction	B02145	General Building Works	B4	
B00542	General Building Works	B2	Siphosabo Construction	B5			
B00153	General Building Works	B2	The Mbhilibi Group	B00647	General Building Works	B5	Asibemunye Contractors
B00590	General Building Works	B2	T.T.A Civils	B02288	General Building Works	B5	Bliss Stride Construction
B00591	General Building Works	B2	Turbo-Way Construction	B00406	General Building Works	B5	Bosad Investments
B00474	General Building Works	B2	Union Construction	B02347	General Building Works	B5	Dexter Projects
B00600	General Building Works	B2	Velekhaya Construction	B00508	General Building Works	B5	DJ & Son's Construction
B00607	General Building Works	B2	Zikhanda Construction	B00264	General Building Works	B5	DTM Construction
B00377	General Building Works	B2	Z.M.T Investments	B00442	General Building Works	B5	Emahlungwane & Ncele Construction
B3				B00945	General Building Works	B5	Guttersnipers
B02309	General Building Works	B3	ANT Construction	B01630	General Building Works	B5	Hove Construction
B00387	General Building Works	B3	Asisa Investments	B01175	General Building Works	B5	I.F.A Engineering
B00211	General Building Works	B3	Avex Construction	B00115	General Building Works	B5	J.A.R Building & Civil Construction
B02122	General Building Works	B3	Basadi Construction	B00474	General Building Works	B5	J.B Nunes Building & Contractors
B01666	General Building Works	B3	BFJ Construction	B01260	General Building Works	B5	J-Anolp Construction & Maintenance
B00915	General Building Works	B3	Buildco Projects	B00490	General Building Works	B5	L & B Construction & Maintenance
B00731	General Building Works	B3	Builders@Work	B00331	General Building Works	B5	Mandlondoda Construction
B00423	General Building Works	B3	Cardoso Building Contractors	B00299	General Building Works	B5	Masakhane Construction
B02247	General Building Works	B3	Clear Choice Builders	B01524	General Building Works	B5	M.G.E Construction
B02174	General Building Works	B3	Coeng Construction	B01397	General Building Works	B5	Ntungwehle Investments
B00417	General Building Works	B3	Combustion Investments	B01253	General Building Works	B5	Plumb Build Investments
B00243	General Building Works	B3	Comnitech Construction	B00527	General Building Works	B5	PV Construction
B01356	General Building Works	B3	Contis Developers	B00563	General Building Works	B5	Simizu Construction
B01689	General Building Works	B3	CM Concrete	B00585	General Building Works	B5	Toepfer & Sons
B01877	General Building Works	B3	Dabulamanzi Plant Services	B00601	General Building Works	B5	Vigilant Construction
B01154	General Building Works	B3	Delzee Investments	B00283	General Building Works	B5	Y2M Plumbers & Electrical
B01463	General Building Works	B3	Diamond Contractors	B6			
B02312	General Building Works	B3	Elima Properties	B02058	General Building Works	B6	Always Construction
B00443	General Building Works	B3	Emseleni Construction	B02357	General Building Works	B6	Asset Developers
B01355	General Building Works	B3	Eyakho Construction	B02182	General Building Works	B6	AZA Construction
B01124	General Building Works	B3	Fab Construction	B01722	General Building Works	B6	Bayawusala Bababata Construction
B00449	General Building Works	B3	Four Men Power	B02338	General Building Works	B6	Bemag Construction
B01632	General Building Works	B3	Imed Projects	B02096	General Building Works	B6	BMS Construction
B01573	General Building Works	B3	Jomas Developers	B01109	General Building Works	B6	Bo's Investments
B01894	General Building Works	B3	Khabo Investments	B00399	General Building Works	B6	Briteway Projects
B00494	General Building Works	B3	Landpro Civils	B01727	General Building Works	B6	Brunal Investments
B00492	General Building Works	B3	L and T General Investments	B01565	General Building Works	B6	BSMJ Construction
B00981	General Building Works	B3	L.S.J Ncele	B01759	General Building Works	B6	Budget Builder Construction
B00684	General Building Works	B3	MaQ Services	B02269	General Building Works	B6	Builder Boyz
B00506	General Building Works	B3	Makhoba Investments	B01876	General Building Works	B6	Building Boyz
B00133	General Building Works	B3	Marbel Construction	B01459	General Building Works	B6	Bulwart Investments
B00136	General Building Works	B3	Mas & Sons Construction	B01270	General Building Works	B6	Chavez Construction
B00142	General Building Works	B3	Matsapha Construction Services	B01693	General Building Works	B6	C.M.N Construction & Maintenance
B00505	General Building Works	B3	Mphohlo Construction	B01021	General Building Works	B6	Computronics
B00504	General Building Works	B3	Mweni Investments	B02328	General Building Works	B6	Construbuild Developers
B00170	General Building Works	B3	Natcal Engineering	B02356	General Building Works	B6	Cover Construction
B00512	General Building Works	B3	Nembeza Investments	B02267	General Building Works	B6	Dazzler Construction
B01603	General Building Works	B3	Nkonyeni Precast Construction Solutions	B01201	General Building Works	B6	Dougclever Investments
B00515	General Building Works	B3	Okumhlophe Investments	B00839	General Building Works	B6	Doumath Building & Civil Engineering Contractor
B01269	General Building Works	B3	Owami Engineering Services	B01528	General Building Works	B6	Dot-Royne
B01611	General Building Works	B3	Palk Investments	B01597	General Building Works	B6	E & J Investments
B00315	General Building Works	B3	PCR Construction	B02109	General Building Works	B6	ELC Projects
B00528	General Building Works	B3	Progress Construction	B02155	General Building Works	B6	Epiphtha Investments
B00541	General Building Works	B3	Sathini Investments	B01602	General Building Works	B6	Epic Projects
B00551	General Building Works	B3	Seno Construction	B00446	General Building Works	B6	Eveready Investments
B00548	General Building Works	B3	Set & Go Investments	B02278	General Building Works	B6	Fawas Construction
B00759	General Building Works	B3	Sicalo Investments	B02362	General Building Works	B6	Fanuka Contractors
B00577	General Building Works	B3	Swazi Builders Construction	B02081	General Building Works	B6	Forbestinto Scaffolding
B00364	General Building Works	B3	T.M.S Construction	B02176	General Building Works	B6	Gadrics Construction
B01265	General Building Works	B3	TSM Construction	B00946	General Building Works	B6	Gents Investments
B00584	General Building Works	B3	Touch Hygien	B02121	General Building Works	B6	Got Game Construction
B01229	General Building Works	B3	Umtombo WemaKhwanati Construction	B01948	General Building Works	B6	Hayise Investments
B00599	General Building Works	B3	Veemac Construction	B01678	General Building Works	B6	Highway Electrical
B00884	General Building Works	B3	Wake-Up Construction	B01246	General Building Works	B6	Home Developers
B00865	General Building Works	B3	Winston Construction	B01457	General Building Works	B6	House Beauty Construction
B01764	General Building Works	B3	Zaw Construction	B00446	General Building Works	B6	House of Excellence Construction
B4				B00467	General Building Works	B6	Huge Span Construction
B01298	General Building Works	B4	Amathalenta Neziphiwo Construction	B01698	General Building Works	B6	Hydroware Mabli
B00210	General Building Works	B4	ATDS Investments	B02313	General Building Works	B6	Infrastructural Construction
B00215	General Building Works	B4	B&R Investments	B02052	General Building Works	B6	Itho Investments
B00400	General Building Works	B4	Bandron The Handyman	B01345	General Building Works	B6	Jazzie Investments
B00402	General Building Works	B4	Benham Investments	B01205	General Building Works	B6	JB & Construction
B00742	General Building Works	B4	B.J.K.K Investments	B02207	General Building Works	B6	Jiffy Construction
B01061	General Building Works	B4	Boab Investments	B02329	General Building Works	B6	JVW Construction
B00398	General Building Works	B4	Brain Power Investments	B01001	General Building Works	B6	Kerbs Civils
B01112	General Building Works	B4	Brixton Construction	B02361	General Building Works	B6	Klenex Janitorial Services
B01729	General Building Works	B4	Clean House Investments	B02149	General Building Works	B6	Layidani Investments
B01031	General Building Works	B4	CSD Investments	B00986	General Building Works	B6	Libhildi Developers
B01721	General Building Works	B4	Dups Properties	B00122	General Building Works	B6	LNK Construction
B01192	General Building Works	B4	EIA Construction	B00679	General Building Works	B6	Loshingiliza Construction
B01320	General Building Works	B4	E.J Munro Investments	B02167	General Building Works	B6	Lubombo Property Group
B00227	General Building Works	B4	Exotic Investments	B00328	General Building Works	B6	Lukhozi Construction
B00974	General Building Works	B4	Fathers Will Construction	B01632	General Building Works	B6	Madvonse Investments
B00132	General Building Works	B4	Gijimani Construction	B00129	General Building Works	B6	Makhayi Construction
B00299	General Building Works	B4	GVM Construction	B01644	General Building Works	B6	Mangabkati Construction
B00464	General Building Works	B4	HM & L Builder Constructor	B01813	General Building Works	B6	Maphezi Projects
B01217	General Building Works	B4	Home Base Construction	B02080	General Building Works	B6	Marazor Construction
B01116	General Building Works	B4	Horton Investments	B02220	General Building Works	B6	Maswazi Property Developers
B00929	General Building Works	B4	Ice Nine Logistics	B00303	General Building Works	B6	Matola Construction
B00497	General Building Works	B4	Lihlandze Projects	B01962	General Building Works	B6	Mazi Construction
B01460	General Building Works	B4	Lizwi Investments	B01306	General Building Works	B6	Mazuk Construction
B00277	General Building Works	B4	Lomhlango Investments	B02355	General Building Works	B6	Mbondzela Construction
				B00131	General Building Works	B6	MD Construction
				B02190	General Building Works	B6	Memorable Construction
				B01262	General Building Works	B6	Menziwa Plumbing Works
				B01826	General Building Works	B6	Mkhute Investments



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BF				BF			
B01386	General Building Works	B6	MM (RW) Investments	C00114	General Civil Works	C6	Impumelelo Penway & Civil
B02266	General Building Works	B6	Monate Investments	C02307	General Civil Works	C6	Innebon Construction
B01519	General Building Works	B6	MSD Construction	C00470	General Civil Works	C6	Invaders Construction
B02162	General Building Works	B6	M Two Construction	C02177	General Civil Works	C6	J-Anolp Construction & Maintenance
B02050	General Building Works	B6	Multy Trade Link Originals	C01810	General Civil Works	C6	Kelimah Investments
B01273	General Building Works	B6	Mu-No-Ta-Te Construction	C01864	General Civil Works	C6	Libhildl Developers
B02171	General Building Works	B6	Nkulwane Civils	C00289	General Civil Works	C6	Lihlungwane Investments
B02303	General Building Works	B6	NNL Investments	C00322	General Civil Works	C6	Lokholha Building & Civil Construction
B01182	General Building Works	B6	N Plus Construction	C02143	General Civil Works	C6	Lolo Construction
B01677	General Building Works	B6	Omnipotent Construction	C01357	General Civil Works	C6	Lubombo Engineering Services
B01467	General Building Works	B6	Oscar Construction	C01641	General Civil Works	C6	Mainscape Civils
B01499	General Building Works	B6	Pamu Investments	C00635	General Civil Works	C6	Matsapha Construction Services
B00523	General Building Works	B6	PJE Construction	C01865	General Civil Works	C6	Matseke Investments
B01795	General Building Works	B6	Platinum Contractors	C01716	General Civil Works	C6	Apumalanga Construction
B01746	General Building Works	B6	Previc Investments	C01866	General Civil Works	C6	Nkulwane Civils
B02342	General Building Works	B6	Professor James Construction	C01869	General Civil Works	C6	PSSN Investments
B01586	General Building Works	B6	PSSN Investments	C01515	General Civil Works	C6	Quattro Construction
B01724	General Building Works	B6	Pum-Kg Construction	C00797	General Civil Works	C6	Roadpave Construction
B02350	General Building Works	B6	Pure Brotherhood Investments	C01648	General Civil Works	C6	Scandza Contractor
B02335	General Building Works	B6	P & N Construction	C02127	General Civil Works	C6	Sebesile Construction
B02263	General Building Works	B6	P.V.M Investments	C00550	General Civil Works	C6	Set & Go Investments
B02346	General Building Works	B6	Reeds Construction	C02260	General Civil Works	C6	Shova Construction
B00531	General Building Works	B6	Rem Rock Investments	C02371	General Civil Works	C6	Simesile Investments
B01694	General Building Works	B6	Roccol	C00816	General Civil Works	C6	Simizu Construction
B02099	General Building Works	B6	RSG Construction	C01570	General Civil Works	C6	Siphoshe Construction
B00806	General Building Works	B6	Saidi Construction	C01646	General Civil Works	C6	Simplex Construction
B01647	General Building Works	B6	Scandza Contractor	C02341	General Civil Works	C6	Technicon Investments
B01952	General Building Works	B6	Shesha Construction	C01824	General Civil Works	C6	THD Investments
B02259	General Building Works	B6	Shova Construction	C01605	General Civil Works	C6	The Best Contracting Services
B00351	General Building Works	B6	Sky Construction	C01279	General Civil Works	C6	TLX Engineering
B01634	General Building Works	B6	Smengwezi Construction	C00677	General Civil Works	C6	Toeffer & Sons
B02357	General Building Works	B6	B4.L Construction	C02318	General Civil Works	C6	Uni-Hall Construction
B02252	General Building Works	B6	Taks Investments	C01301	General Civil Works	C6	Uni-Tech Maintainers
B01996	General Building Works	B6	Tantrum Construction	C00777	General Civil Works	C6	Vigilant Construction
B00579	General Building Works	B6	Tee & Jay Investments	C02165	General Civil Works	C6	Webster Building Construction
B00190	General Building Works	B6	Tee & Zee Building Construction	C02148	General Civil Works	C6	Wedo Solutions
B00370	General Building Works	B6	Tetrafut Construction	C01690	General Civil Works	C6	Zaot Civils
B02084	General Building Works	B6	Thandjula Building				
B01853	General Building Works	B6	The Bull Construction	EF			
B02360	General Building Works	B6	The Tile Gallery	EF00972	General Electrical Works	EF	Power Plant Electrical Technologies
B00582	General Building Works	B6	TLX Engineering				
B02283	General Building Works	B6	T.M Construction	E00390	General Electrical Works	E1	A.J Electrical Limited
B01171	General Building Works	B6	TNL Construction	E00393	General Electrical Works	E1	Alternative Energy
B01954	General Building Works	B6	Ulwazi Investments	E00401	General Electrical Works	E1	Banner Electrical
B00373	General Building Works	B6	Umtfuntl Wemalangen Investments	E00410	General Electrical Works	E1	Brisaso Investments
B01529	General Building Works	B6	Umtukulu Wenjanga	E00468	General Electrical Works	E1	Indalifa Investments
B02095	General Building Works	B6	Upscale Live Construction	E00135	General Electrical Works	E1	Manline Investments
B02147	General Building Works	B6	Wedo Solutions	E00156	General Electrical Works	E1	Mormond Electrical Contractors
B01508	General Building Works	B6	Zwetigugu Y	E00310	General Electrical Works	E1	Natie Electrical
CF				E01127	General Electrical Works	E1	Neb Investments
CF02292	General Civil Works	CF	Icon Construction	E00533	General Electrical Works	E1	Rob's Electrical
CF00354	General Civil Works	CF	Stefanutti Stocks (Pty) Ltd	E00545	General Electrical Works	E1	SD Electrical
CF00202	General Civil Works	CF	WBHO Construction	E00547	General Electrical Works	E1	Second Chance Electrical
C1				E00569	General Electrical Works	E1	Spotlite Electrical Services
C00389	General Civil Works	C1	AG Thomas	E00765	General Electrical Works	E1	Tebenguni Electrical
C00148	General Civil Works	C1	Heptagon Company				
C00151	General Civil Works	C1	Inyatsi Superfos	E2			
C00799	General Civil Works	C1	Kukanya Civil Engineering Contractors	E01130	General Electrical Works	E2	Bo's Investments
C00539	General Civil Works	C1	Roots Civils	E00450	General Electrical Works	E2	FJM Electrical
C00762	General Civil Works	C1	Stefanutti Stocks Construction Swaziland	E00454	General Electrical Works	E2	Gallagher Construction
C2				E00150	General Electrical Works	E2	Hend Electrical
C01035	General Civil Works	C2	Afri Civils	E00279	General Electrical Works	E2	Lights On Electrical
C02319	General Civil Works	C2	Angelique Swazi Infra	E00514	General Electrical Works	E2	Obtuse Electrical Contractor
C00415	General Civil Works	C2	CM Concrete	E01837	General Electrical Works	E2	Pots Electrical
C00720	General Civil Works	C2	Coden Enterprises				
C00713	General Civil Works	C2	Construction Associates	E00408	General Electrical Works	E3	Boyzee Electrical Contractors
C00149	General Civil Works	C2	Homeboyz Construction	E00440	General Electrical Works	E3	Electrical Equipment Company
C01120	General Civil Works	C2	Pots Construction	E02304	General Electrical Works	E3	ERG Electrical
C01488	General Civil Works	C2	Turbo-Way Construction	E00276	General Electrical Works	E3	Layidani Investments
C3				E00124	General Electrical Works	E3	Lulamile Investments
C00384	General Civil Works	C3	Afrodim Construction	E00718	General Electrical Works	E3	Mac-Rysale Investments
C00501	General Civil Works	C3	Akuse Construction	E01119	General Electrical Works	E3	Mafjo Electrical Suppliers
C02310	General Civil Works	C3	ANT Construction	E01300	General Electrical Works	E3	Natcal Engineering
C00251	General Civil Works	C3	Boab Investments	E01264	General Electrical Works	E3	Pat Pat Investments
C00641	General Civil Works	C3	Comittech Construction	E01569	General Electrical Works	E3	PHD Investments
C01878	General Civil Works	C3	Dabulamanzi Plant Services	E00529	General Electrical Works	E3	Powerline Investments
C01465	General Civil Works	C3	Diamond Contractors	E00766	General Electrical Works	E3	Sathini Investments
C00971	General Civil Works	C3	ERG Construction	E00549	General Electrical Works	E3	Set & Go Investments
C01575	General Civil Works	C3	Irricon Swaziland	E00456	General Electrical Works	E3	SLS Construction
C00385	General Civil Works	C3	Mak-Works Civils	E02264	General Electrical Works	E3	Velekhaya Construction
C01075	General Civil Works	C3	Mhlabi Earthmoving Specialists	E00606	General Electrical Works	E3	Zenith Electrical
C00634	General Civil Works	C3	Mila Construction	E00609	General Electrical Works	E3	Zwastar Investments
C00754	General Civil Works	C3	Phimbi Construction				
C00963	General Civil Works	C3	Swaziland International Irrigation	E00386	General Electrical Works	E4	All Electrical Maintenance
C00924	General Civil Works	C3	TZ Concrete Products Manufacturer	E00646	General Electrical Works	E4	Bhele Lululasta Investments
C00200	General Civil Works	C3	Vince Investments	E02369	General Electrical Works	E4	C.A.K Electrical Construction
C4				E00712	General Electrical Works	E4	Competence Investments
C00388	General Civil Works	C4	Arex Construction	E00241	General Electrical Works	E4	CVM Electrical Contractors
C01730	General Civil Works	C4	Combustion Investments	E02348	General Electrical Works	E4	Dot Media
C00430	General Civil Works	C4	DGSR Construction	E01640	General Electrical Works	E4	DSS Electrical
C01822	General Civil Works	C4	Dokas Group Investments	E00436	General Electrical Works	E4	E & A Electrical
C00435	General Civil Works	C4	Du-Van Developers	E02144	General Electrical Works	E4	Emambanga Electrical Installation & Maintenance
C01795	General Civil Works	C4	Hancy Construction	E01125	General Electrical Works	E4	Fab Construction
C01230	General Civil Works	C4	Lihlandze Projects	E00237	General Electrical Works	E4	Freedom Electrical Contractors
C00323	General Civil Works	C4	Lomhlengano Investments	E01912	General Electrical Works	E4	Hayise Investments
C01740	General Civil Works	C4	Mphohlo Construction	E00658	General Electrical Works	E4	Industriel
C00750	General Civil Works	C4	Nembeza Investments	E00116	General Electrical Works	E4	Jorin Construction
C00753	General Civil Works	C4	Okumhlophe Investments	E01680	General Electrical Works	E4	KB Investments
C00174	General Civil Works	C4	Owami Engineering Services	E00898	General Electrical Works	E4	Laboson Electrical Contractors
C00532	General Civil Works	C4	Roadcon (Pty) Ltd	E01649	General Electrical Works	E4	Lumen Electrical
C00802	General Civil Works	C4	Siphosabo Construction	E00166	General Electrical Works	E4	Mayayiff Construction
C01504	General Civil Works	C4	THM Construction	E02302	General Electrical Works	E4	Magesona Electrical
C00667	General Civil Works	C4	Ultra Civils	E00333	General Electrical Works	E4	Manta Electrical Construction
C00715	General Civil Works	C4	Umtfombi Wemalanganati Construction	E00746	General Electrical Works	E4	Mdikane Investments
C00198	General Civil Works	C4	Valid Construction	E00747	General Electrical Works	E4	Mduh Investments
C5				E02045	General Electrical Works	E4	MLN Electrical
C01310	General Civil Works	C5	Cosim Investments	E01688	General Electrical Works	E4	Mnyakali Investments
C01200	General Civil Works	C5	Emselel Construction	E00298	General Electrical Works	E4	Mtombeni Construction
C01136	General Civil Works	C5	DTM Construction	E01599	General Electrical Works	E4	Ndumac Electrical
C00302	General Civil Works	C5	Mat-Man Construction	E00168	General Electrical Works	E4	Provic Investments
C00709	General Civil Works	C5	SLS Construction	E02351	General Electrical Works	E4	Pure Brotherhood Investments
C01491	General Civil Works	C5	SR and GZ Construction	E00540	General Electrical Works	E4	R & P Construction
C02359	General Civil Works	C5	Tall Genius Construction	E00182	General Electrical Works	E4	Sands Of Time
C6				E02261	General Electrical Works	E4	Shova Construction
C02049	General Civil Works	C6	Amathalenta Neziphwo Construction	E00813	General Electrical Works	E4	Simbisi Electrical
C01802	General Civil Works	C6	Aselokha Investments	E00679	General Electrical Works	E4	Simonto Investments
C02104	General Civil Works	C6	Asset Construction	E02308	General Electrical Works	E4	Siyavuzo Electrical
C01292	General Civil Works	C6	Bosad Investments	E01851	General Electrical Works	E4	Sondanzima
C01958	General Civil Works	C6	Bradas Work	E02343	General Electrical Works	E4	Song & Lindwe Investments
C01047	General Civil Works	C6	Brain Power Investments	E02192	General Electrical Works	E4	Switch Tech
C02175	General Civil Works	C6	Cebotile-Techno World	E02284	General Electrical Works	E4	Tibuyile Investments
C00290	General Civil Works	C6	Construtech	E00367	General Electrical Works	E4	Trap Investments
C02317	General Civil Works	C6	Construction Solutions	E01245	General Electrical Works	E4	T.S.M.L Crane & Electrical
C02094	General Civil Works	C6	Dan & Don Construction	E02341	General Electrical Works	E4	Vastlawe Construction
C02268	General Civil Works	C6	Dazzler Construction	E02101	General Electrical Works	E4	Wentangan Construction
C02107	General Civil Works	C6	Delzee Investments	E02007	General Electrical Works	E4	Zacro Electrical
C01237	General Civil Works	C6	DSH Projects	E01581	General Electrical Works	E4	Zwatech Electrical Contractors
C02353	General Civil Works	C6	EIA Construction	E01546	General Electrical Works	E4	ZMG Electrical Contractors
C01798	General Civil Works	C6	Emumakhos Investments				
C01734	General Civil Works	C6	Four Men Power	MF01778	General Mechanical Works	MF	Acton (Pty) Ltd
C02349	General Civil Works	C6	Ghetto Boy Construction	MF00675	General Mechanical Works	MF	Alubus Engineering
				MF01161	General Mechanical Works	MF	J & V Constructors
				MF02063	General Mechanical Works	MF	Turbine Generator Services



# LIST OF REGISTERED CONTRACTORS FY 18/19

## In terms of section 33 of the CIC no.14 of 2013

Certificate#	Discipline	Category and Grade	NAME OF CONTRACTOR
BF			
M01147	General Mechanical Works	M3	Blitz Contractors
M4			
M02311	General Mechanical Works	M4	ANT Construction
M02178	General Mechanical Works	M4	Havoc Engineering
M01591	General Mechanical Works	M4	Kitwe Hydraulics Pneumatics
M01240	General Mechanical Works	M4	Megapro Engineering
M02150	General Mechanical Works	M4	N.J. Engineering
M02232	General Mechanical Works	M4	Ultimate Hire Services
M02367	General Mechanical Works	M4	Whistlestop Engineering
<b>BUILDING WORKS SPECIALIST</b>			
<b>BSJ-FENCING WORKS</b>			
BS00208	Fencing Works	BSJ-6	A.G.P.F Construction
BS00846	Fencing Works	BSJ-6	Come Investments
BS00363	Fencing Works	BSJ-6	Pat Pat Investments
<b>BSK-FLOORING WORKS</b>			
BS00578	Flooring Works	BSK-3	Swd Flooring & Allied Industries
BS02088	Flooring Works	BSK-6	Asibemanye Construction
BS02277	Flooring Works	BSK-6	Phindungene Construction
BS01026	Flooring Works	BSK-6	Zipha Investments
<b>BSC-GLAZING, ALUMINIUM &amp; CEILING WORKS</b>			
BS00379	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-2	Alusol Contractors
BS01034	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-3	B.R. Doors & Windows
BS02103	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-5	Alunite
BS01796	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-5	LTM Aluminium & Glass
BS02358	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-5	SMS General Suppliers, Glass & Aluminium
BS02054	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	Alu-Fab
BS02258	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	Aluglass Bautech Swaziland
BS00421	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	Construction Logistics
BS02339	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	Corner Star Swaziland Aluminium
BS02214	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	Glass & Aluminium Solution
BS00923	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	Isolation
BS01859	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	Legendary Events
BS01825	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	M.V. Décor
BS02337	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	Nucav Investments
BS00409	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	P.G. Glass
BS01746	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-6	Swazi Industrial Star
BS02112	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-F	Abambisane Construction Swaziland
BS01342	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-F	HW Glassworks
BS00342	Glazing, Aluminium, Partitions & Ceiling Works	BSc-F	Ropa Trading
<b>BSp-GRANITE, QUARTZ &amp; MARBLE FABRICATION WORKS</b>			
BS01888	Granite, Quartz & Marble Fabrication Works	BSp-6	TSM Granite
<b>BSd-INTERIOR &amp; EXTERIOR DECORATION WORKS</b>			
BS02062	Interior & Exterior Decoration Works	BSd-6	Buntfu Betfu Interiors
BS02219	Interior & Exterior Decoration Works	BSd-6	Corporate Wall Dercor
BS02363	Interior & Exterior Decoration Works	BSd-6	Sanel General Dealer
BS02152	Interior & Exterior Decoration Works	BSd-6	Zipha Investments
<b>BSc-LANDSCAPING, IRRIGATION &amp; GARDENING WORKS</b>			
BS01673	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	BSc-5	Babri Construction
BS01606	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	BSc-6	Du Green
BS02015	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	BSc-6	Greenery Landscaping Investments
BS01009	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	BSc-6	Mac-Khulu Investments
BS00180	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	BSc-6	P.S.B. Enterprises
BS00199	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	BSc-6	V.E.B. Investments
BSF00377	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	BSc-F	Top Turf
<b>BSI-PAINTING WORKS</b>			
BS01177	Painting Works	BSI-4	Tencor Building & Contractor
BS00625	Painting Works	BSI-5	Mbabane Painters & Contractors
BS01696	Painting Works	BSI-6	Madhaug Investments
BS00559	Painting Works	BSI-6	Siyinhase Investments
BS02120	Painting Works	BSI-6	Wessello Painting & Maintenance
<b>Bsa-PLUMBING &amp; DRAINAGE WORKS</b>			
BS00878	Plumbing & Drainage Works	Bsa-5	Mormond Electrical Contractors
BS01623	Plumbing & Drainage Works	Bsa-6	Bosad Investments
BS00854	Plumbing & Drainage Works	Bsa-6	DAJ Plumbing
BS02097	Plumbing & Drainage Works	Bsa-6	The Cradle Investments
BSF01475	Plumbing & Drainage Works	Bsa-F	G and N Investments
BSF01079	Plumbing & Drainage Works	Bsa-F	Monty's Plumbing and Civils
<b>BSH-SHOPFITTING, TIMBER &amp; CARPENTRY WORKS</b>			
BS00767	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-2	Tee and Jay Investments
BS01715	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-4	Lumber City
BS02287	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-6	Exotic Investments
BS00228	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-6	Gentle-Freeze Investments
BS00985	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-6	Libhild Developers
BS00572	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-6	Starwood Investments
BS02255	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-6	Umbango Investments
BS01359	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-6	Veemac Construction
BS02151	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-6	Woodcity Express Swaziland
BS00380	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-6	Zero To Hero Investments
BSF01365	Shopfitting, Timber & Carpentry Works	BSH-F	Durban Shopfitting & Interiors
<b>Bse-STRUCTURAL STEEL FABRICATION &amp; ERECTION WORKS</b>			
BS00833	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-1	Euro Engineering
BS01176	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-2	I.F.A. Engineering
BS01904	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-3	Omami Engineering Services
BS01685	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-3	Sudila Engineering
BS00565	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-3	Sundale Stainless Steel Bulustrade
BS01728	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	Atlas Motor Engineering
BS00252	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	Bamsolani Bo Investments
BS01409	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	Batsufu Investments
BS00223	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	DOD Investments
BS02249	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	El-Tech Investments
BS01232	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	Iron Awe
BS01085	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	Iron Engineering
BS00649	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	Natal Engineering
BS02366	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	RDM Trade & Steel Works
BS02314	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	Taks Investments
BS02110	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	The Delean Construction
BS00780	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-6	Zethu Engineering
BSF01415	Structural Steel Fabrication, Fixing & Erection Works	Bse-F	Swaziland Impact Steel & Roofing
<b>WATERPROOFING INSTALLATION WORKS - BSB</b>			
BS00554	Waterproofing Installation Works	BSB-5	Set & Go Investments
BS02282	Waterproofing Installation Works	BSB-6	Africoat
BS02251	Waterproofing Installation Works	BSB-6	Extreme Edge
BSF01801	Waterproofing Installation Works	BSB-F	Aquaproof Projects
BSF01983	Waterproofing Installation Works	BSB-F	Aquatan (Pty) Ltd
BSF00274	Waterproofing Installation Works	BSB-F	Litulu Services
<b>CIVIL WORKS SPECIALISTS</b>			
<b>DEMOLITION &amp; BLASTING WORKS - C5g</b>			
CS02281	Demolition & Blasting Works	C5g-6	Africoat
CS02375	Demolition & Blasting Works	C5g-6	Continental Contractors Civil Work
<b>LABOUR BASED SKILL WORKS - CSK</b>			
CS01382	Labour Based Skill Works	CSK-3	Phambiri Construction
CS02085	Labour Based Skill Works	CSK-5	Comitech Construction
<b>LANDSCAPING, IRRIGATION &amp; GARDENING WORKS - CSc</b>			
CS02256	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	CSc-6	Allyscapes (Pty) Ltd
CS02340	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	CSc-6	Edikhe Investments
CS02250	Landscaping, Irrigation & Gardening Works	CSc-6	Pugs Landscaping SWD
<b>ROAD SIGNAGE &amp; MARKING WORKS - CSb</b>			
CS00800	Road Signage & Marking Works	CSb-3	Sicongo Construction
CS00102	Road Signage & Marking Works	CSb-5	Conti Networks Engineers
CS02085	Road Signage & Marking Works	CSb-6	Comitech Construction
CS02086	Road Signage & Marking Works	CSb-6	Dexter Projects
CS02023	Road Signage & Marking Works	CSb-6	Mavela Construction
CS01373	Road Signage & Marking Works	CSb-6	MM (RW) Investments
CS00291	Road Signage & Marking Works	CSb-6	Sanjo Investments
CSF01835	Road Signage & Marking Works	CSb-F	Sign Edition (Pty) Ltd

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BF			
TREE FELLING WORKS			
CS00385	Tree Felling Works	CSI-6	A M Tree Cutting
CS01720	Tree Felling Works	CSI-6	Msekelave Investments
PILLING & DIAPHRAGM WALLING WORKS			
CF01726	Pilling & Diaphragm Walling Works	Cso-F	Stefanutti Stocks Geotechnical
WATER SUPPLY, BOREHOLE DRILLING WORKS - CSe			
CS00668	Water Supply,Borehole Drilling Works	Cse-2	Manzi Drilling
CS02273	Water Supply,Borehole Drilling Works	Cse-6	Pumpinks & Electrical
ELECTRICAL WORKS SPEALISTS			
HIGH VOLTAGE INSTALLATION WORKS - Esg			
ES02248	Electrical Works Specialist	Esg-4	High Voltage Installation Works
INSTRUMENTATION, AUTOMATION & PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS - Esh			
ES02163	Electrical Works Specialist	Esh-4	Instrumentation,Automation & Process Control Systems
ICT & ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS INSTALLATION WORKS - Esb			
ES00306	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-1	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES00889	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-1	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES01005	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-1	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES00424	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-2	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES02180	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-2	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES01368	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-3	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES01979	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES00244	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES01731	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES02154	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES02228	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES02189	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES01780	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES02316	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES00556	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ES02280	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-4	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ESF02321	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-F	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
ESF02060	Electrical Works Specialist	Esb-F	ICT & Electronic Systems Installation Works
SECURITY,SAFETY & SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS WORKS - Esa			
ES02156	Electrical Works Specialist	Esa-4	Security,Safety & Surveillance Systems
MECHANICAL WORKS SPECIALISTS			
AIRCONDITIONING, REFRIGERATION & VENTILATION SYSTEM WORKS			
MS00159	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-1	Macnab's Refrigeration
MS00597	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-1	Usizo Technical Services
MS00104	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-1	Zumcool Investments
MS00345	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-2	S & S Refrigeration
MS00476	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-3	Jordan Refrigeration
MS00499	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-3	Lulamile Investments
MS00867	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-3	Mormond Electrical Contractors
MS00994	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-3	Powerline Investments
MS02289	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-4	Dreamer's Air Coolers
MS00090	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-4	Freeze (Pty) Ltd
MS02373	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-4	Helm Engineering
MS00113	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-4	Improvair Environmental Solution
MS00918	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-4	Innovative Build Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration
MS02365	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-4	Prospec
MS01574	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-4	TB Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
MS00602	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-4	Viva Airconditioning & Refrigeration
MS01607	Airconditioning,Refrigeration & Ventilation System Works	Msa-4	Wright Air
FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION SYSTEM WORKS - MSB			
MS01532	Fire Prevention & Protection System Works	MSB-4	Advance Fire Systems
MS02276	Fire Prevention & Protection System Works	MSB-4	Consolidated Construction
MS02374	Fire Prevention & Protection System Works	MSB-4	Leading Edge Business Solutions
MS01481	Fire Prevention & Protection System Works	MSB-4	Sherq Professional Solutions
MS02270	Fire Prevention & Protection System Works	MSB-4	Zachist Investments
MSF01517	Fire Prevention & Protection System Works	MSB-F	Cross Fire Management
MSF02357	Fire Prevention & Protection System Works	MSB-F	FPS Swaziland
MSF02330	Fire Prevention & Protection System Works	MSB-F	Jabula Fire (Pty) Ltd
MSF02275	Fire Prevention & Protection System Works	MSB-F	Optimum Fire Protection
HOSPITAL & MEDICAL EQUIPMENT WORKS - Msi			
MS02293	Hospital & Medical Equipment Works	Msi-4	Elcor Industries
MS02217	Hospital & Medical Equipment Works	Msi-4	Masi Investments
MS00801	Hospital & Medical Equipment Works	Msi-4	Swazi Oxygen
MSF02262	Hospital & Medical Equipment Works	Msi-F	Nagel Engineering & Sandblasting
MECHANICAL & VENTILATION WORKS - MSK			
MS00355	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-2	Swazi Lifts/Elevators
MS00553	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-3	Scats Construction & General Suppliers
MS01455	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	Doves Engineering
MS01408	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	JLK General Engineering
MS00789	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	Kenos Engineering
MS00275	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	Logi-Chem Investments
MS01456	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	McFaddens Engineering & Civil Services
MS01241	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	Megapro Engineering
MS01625	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	Mmambo Investments
MS01553	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	M Speke Engineering
MS01477	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	Quality Engineering
MS00832	Mechanical & Ventilation Works	MSK-4	Sum Investments
PVC & POLYURETHANE CONVEYOR BELTS WORKS - MSg			
MSF02180	PVC & Polyurethane Conveyor Belts Works	MSg-F	EMS Belting Mpumalanga CC
RENEWABLE ENERGY & EFFICIENCY TECHNOLOGIES - MSI			
MS02292	Renewable Energy & Efficiency Technologies	MSI-4	Elcor Industries
MS02241	Renewable Energy & Efficiency Technologies	MSI-4	Watt Up Solar
SAND,SHOT,GRIT ABRASIVE BLASTING WORKS - MSI			
MSF02332	Sand,Shot,Grit Abrasive Blasting Works	MSI-F	EF Keegan WRC CC
SPECIALIZED PLANT & PETRO-CHEMICAL WORKS - MSi			
MS02111	Specialized Plant & Petro-Chemicals Works	MSi-4	Sigma 4 Construction
MSF01521	Specialized Plant & Petro-Chemicals Works	MSi-F	Echo Cranes & Steel CC
MSF00940	Specialized Plant & Petro-Chemicals Works	MSi-F	Petrocon Swaziland
MSF02153	Specialized Plant & Petro-Chemicals Works	MSi-F	Tegmull Petroleum
MSF02119	Specialized Plant & Petro-Chemicals Works	MSi-F	Water Skills
WATER TREATMENT & SANITATION WORKS - MSJ			
MS02201	Water Treatment & Sanitation Works	MSJ-2	San Projects
MS02113	Water Treatment & Sanitation Works	MSJ-4	Bio-Gas Civils Construction
MS02300	Water Treatment & Sanitation Works	MSJ-4	Clear Choice Builders
MS02179	Water Treatment & Sanitation Works	MSJ-4	Hydro Spec
MS00817	Water Treatment & Sanitation Works	MSJ-4	Silene Pumps & Irrigation
MSF02305	Water Treatment & Sanitation Works	MSJ-F	Wee Projects (Pty) Ltd
INDIVIDUAL ARTISANS			
SHOPFITTING & CARPENTRY WORKS			
IA02296	Shopfitting & Carpentry Works	Ic	Fynn Stanley Patrick
BRICKLAYING WORKS			
IA02372	Bricklaying Works	Ii	Dlamini France Mkhubeni
IA02304	Bricklaying Works	Ii	Dlamini Khulani Emmanuel Benson
IA02216	Bricklaying Works	Ii	Dlamini Patrick Jabulani
IA01874	Bricklaying Works	Ii	Dlamini Sam Mjencane
IA01910	Bricklaying Works	Ii	Dlamini Samuel Samket Mlungisi
IA00738	Bricklaying Works	Ii	Dlamini Wusi Pheocholohu



# LIST OF REGISTERED CONTRACTORS FY 18/19

## In terms of section 33 of the CIC no.14 of 2013

Certificate#	Discipline	Category and Grade	NAME OF CONTRACTOR	Certificate#	Discipline	Category and Grade	NAME OF CONTRACTOR
BF				BF			
IA02331	Bricklaying Works	II	Fakudze D. ani Gcina	CIVIL/STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS			
IA02295	Bricklaying Works	II	Fynn Stanley Patrick	C/SE00021	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Bicon Consulting Engineers SWD
IA01089	Bricklaying Works	II	Gamedze Lokwipi Zebon	C/SE01538	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Cadasters & Associates
IA00704	Bricklaying Works	II	Gamedze Themba Mlotjwa	C/SE00026	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Contis Consulting
IA01684	Bricklaying Works	II	Hamilton Phillip Mica	C/SE00031	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineering Technologists	Creative Structural Engineering Solutions
IA01646	Bricklaying Works	II	Hlatshwako Bhekisisa Patrick	C/SE00650	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Dlamini Gibb Consultants
IA02098	Bricklaying Works	II	Lukhele Bheki Joseph	C/SE00034	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	E.D. Simeane & Associates
IA00828	Bricklaying Works	II	Lukhele Yisimuzi Nduna	C/SE00040	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	EFM Swaziland
IA02327	Bricklaying Works	II	Mabuza Alfred Sibusiso	C/SE00615	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	FMC Projects
IA01149	Bricklaying Works	II	Madonsela Joshua Thembenkosi	C/SE00048	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Global Professional Services
IA00864	Bricklaying Works	II	Makhukhula Bheki Osborne	C/SE00053	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineering Technologists	I.T.M.L. Consulting Engineers
IA02291	Bricklaying Works	II	Mamba Bongani Sibusiso	C/SE01800	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Knight Piesold Swaziland
IA01063	Bricklaying Works	II	Mamba Nkosinathi Elvis	C/SE02087	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	KZS Group Consultancy
IA01185	Bricklaying Works	II	Mamba Vusie Lucky	C/SE00077	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Lascon Consulting Engineers
IA02336	Bricklaying Works	II	Mangwe Samson Mahlatini	C/SE00085	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Regional Consulting Engineers
IA01008	Bricklaying Works	II	Maseko Esau Thulani Mkhaya	C/SE00091	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineering Technologists	Structural Engineering Services
IA02108	Bricklaying Works	II	Maseko Siphos Melashwa	C/SE00092	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	SWD Consulting Engineering
IA01984	Bricklaying Works	II	Mashego Spaceman Thantaza	C/SE00096	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineering Technologists	SWD Technical & Consulting Engineers
IA00866	Bricklaying Works	II	Masinga Nkosinathi Isiah	ARCHITECTS			
IA01811	Bricklaying Works	II	Mbetse Pheneas Gudu	ARCO1360	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Africa South Architects
IA02083	Bricklaying Works	II	Mithethwa Jotham Majahonke	ARCO0016	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Architects International
IA01985	Bricklaying Works	II	Ndzimandze Esau Tikhali	ARCO1725	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architectural Draughtspersons	Architectural Design Studio
IA02044	Bricklaying Works	II	Nhlabatsi Bhekizwe Josephat	ARCO0023	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Building Design Group
IA01195	Bricklaying Works	II	Shabangu Sibusiso Victor	ARCO0028	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Chambers & Associates
IA00332	Bricklaying Works	II	Sifundza Mangisi Mfanukhona	ARCO0032	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Design Architects
IA00736	Bricklaying Works	II	Sihlongonyane Bhekie Buka	ARCO0941	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Expression Architects
IA00942	Bricklaying Works	II	Thwala Sabelo Mvumenzi	ARCO0616	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Global Professional Services
IA02218	Bricklaying Works	II	Vilakati Elphas Maneliso	ARCO0043	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Huma Projects
IA00938	Bricklaying Works	II	Vilakati Makhosini Isaac	ARCO0076	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Ramashaka Architects & Interior Designers
IE-ELECTRICAL WORKS				ARCO2364	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Senior Architectural Technologists	St Mavimbela & Associates
IA02301	Electrical Works	Ij	Dlamini Bheki Elmon	ARCO1168	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Steve Hall Development Consultants
IA02303	Electrical Works	Ij	Dlamini Elijah Mandla	ARCO0084	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Volmink Group
IA02307	Electrical Works	Ij	Dlamini Nkosinathi Alson	ARCO2000	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	
IA02312	Electrical Works	Ij	Dlamini Ntobeko Sanele	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS			
IA02320	Electrical Works	Ij	Dlamini Mfanisibili Henry	EE00014	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Electrical Engineers	Aleche Consulting Engineers
IA02327	Electrical Works	Ij	Dlamini Thulani Emmanuel	EE00651	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Electrical Engineers	Dlamini Gibb Consultants
IA02335	Electrical Works	Ij	Dlamini Zwelethu Mzwandile	EE02286	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Electrical Engineers	Electrical & Mechanical Consultants Engineers
IA02338	Electrical Works	Ij	Ginindza Mlungisi Preston	EE01909	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Electrical Engineers	Isisekelo Engineering Consultants
IA02342	Electrical Works	Ij	Hlopho Sakhlile Collin Funwako	EE02117	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Electrical Engineers	KZS Group Consultancy
IA02348	Electrical Works	Ij	Hlopho Sthemiso Mhleli	EE00621	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Electrical Engineers	MA Dlamini Consulting Engineers
IA02352	Electrical Works	Ij	Hlopho Thembenkosi Vusi	EE00661	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Electrical Engineers	Max Consulting Engineers
IA02356	Electrical Works	Ij	Khumalo Maxwell Sithemiso Ignatius	EE00072	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Electrical Engineers	P.K. Consulting Engineers
IA02360	Electrical Works	Ij	Khumalo Nelson Mceliseni	EE02051	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Electrical Engineers	Trend Technologies & Consulting
IA02364	Electrical Works	Ij	Lushaba Sikhumbuzo Victor	MECHANICAL ENGINEERS			
IA02368	Electrical Works	Ij	Makgatho Lwazi	ME00015	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Mechanical Engineers	Aleche Consulting Engineers
IA02372	Electrical Works	Ij	Masilela Phineas Fernando	ME01326	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Mechanical Engineers	Gtek Projects
IA02376	Electrical Works	Ij	Matse Bhekinkosi Patrick	ME02048	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Mechanical Engineers	Isisekelo Engineering Consultants
IA02380	Electrical Works	Ij	Mthethwa Nkosinathi Selby	ME00056	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Mechanical Technologists	MA Dlamini Consulting Engineers
IA02384	Electrical Works	Ij	Nhleko Bethwell Gweje	ME00624	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Mechanical Technologists	Max Consulting Engineers
IA02388	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Dumsani Bheki	ME00626	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Mechanical Technologists	P.K. Consulting Engineers
IA02392	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Jabulane Mphetsa	QUANTITY SURVEYORS			
IA02396	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QS01750	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	Asakhiwe Property Developers
IA02400	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QS00036	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	Emozane Cost Consultants
IA02404	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QS01191	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	E.S. Dlamini Quantity Surveyors
IA02408	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QS00623	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	Manyatsi Nhleko Quantity
IA02412	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QS00054	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	Maphanga Mitchell Associates
IA02416	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QS00066	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	Manyatsi Nhleko Quantity
IA02420	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QS00025	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	Murdoch Green Partnership
IA02424	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QS00083	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	Murdoch Green Partnership
IA02428	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QS00074	Swazi Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	Murdoch Green Partnership
IA02432	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	ESWATINI ALLIED PROFESSIONALS			
IA02436	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP01103	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	APM Consulting Project Managers
IA02440	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00960	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Asakhiwe Property Developers
IA02444	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00611	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Bicon Consulting Engineers SWD
IA02448	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP01699	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	BillionBrother Project Management Consultancy
IA02452	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00612	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	E.D. Simeane & Associates
IA02456	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00038	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Global Professional Services
IA02460	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP02297	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	LSN Project Managers
IA02464	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00060	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Manyatsi Nhleko Quantity
IA02468	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00619	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Manyatsi Nhleko Quantity
IA02472	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00925	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Maphanga Mitchell Associates
IA02476	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00027	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Murdoch Green Partnership
IA02480	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP02236	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Murdoch Green Partnership
IA02484	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00629	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Murdoch Green Partnership
IA02488	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00632	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Murdoch Green Partnership
IA02492	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	ENVIRONMENTALISTS			
IA02496	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00033	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Environmentalists	Econetworks Environmental Consultants
IA02500	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00042	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Environmentalists	Hlobisa Environmental Consultants
IA02504	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00620	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Environmentalists	Maphanga Mitchell Associates
IA02508	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP01752	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Environmentalists	MK-Sheq Consulting
IA02512	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00065	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Environmentalists	MTK Sustainable Technologies
IA02516	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP01198	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Environmentalists	Steve Hall Development Consultants
IA02520	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FIRE ENGINEERS			
IA02524	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP01358	Swazi Allied Professionals	Fire Engineering	Integrated Fire Services
IA02528	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	GEOLOGISTS			
IA02532	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00899	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Engineering Geologist	Geo Solution
IA02536	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	INTERIOR DESIGNERS			
IA02540	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00030	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Interior Designers	Creative Interior Unlimited
IA02544	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00627	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Interior Designers	Ramashaka Architects & Interior Designers
IA02548	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	LAND SURVEYORS			
IA02552	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00827	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Land Surveyors	Swazi Surveys
IA02556	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP01492	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Town/Urban Planners	VIP Property Planning Consultancy
IA02560	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	PROPERTY DEVELOPERS			
IA02564	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP01751	Swazi Allied Professionals	Property Developer	Asakhiwe Property Developers
IA02568	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	PROPERTY VALUERS			
IA02572	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP01751	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Property Valuers	Asakhiwe Property Developers
IA02576	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP02215	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Property Valuers	Asakhiwe Property Developers
IA02580	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP00082	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Property Valuers	Phoenix Property Consultants
IA02584	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	WATER ENGINEERS			
IA02588	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	AP01466	Swazi Allied Professionals	Professional Water Engineers	Springbok Property Valuations & Real Estate Consultants
IA02592	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FOREIGN CONSULTANCY PRACTICES			
IA02596	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FC/SE00018	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Interwater Consulting Engineers
IA02600	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FC/SE01478	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Aurecon Swaziland
IA02604	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FC/SE01165	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Engineers	Beza Consulting Engineers
IA02608	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	ARCHITECTS			
IA02612	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FARC00825	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	CECI Engineering Consultants, INC., Taiwan
IA02616	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FARC00022	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Atrium Design Architectural & Engineering Consultants
IA02620	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FARC02304	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Brad Walker Architects
IA02624	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FARC00004	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Architects	Khanya Architects Inc
IA02628	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	QUANTITY SURVEYORS			
IA02632	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FQ00062	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	Paragon Architect
IA02636	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FQ001670	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	McIntosh Latilla Carrier Lang
IA02640	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FQ02046	Foreign Consultancy Practices	Professional Quantity Surveyors	MLC Quantity Surveyors SA
IA02644	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	PROJECT MANAGERS			
IA02648	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FAP00019	Foreign Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Russel Irons & Associates
IA02652	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FAP02271	Foreign Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Aurecon Swaziland
IA02656	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FAP01164	Foreign Allied Professionals	Professional Project Managers	Baseline PM (Pty) Ltd
IA02660	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	INTERIOR DESIGNERS			
IA02664	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FAP00068	Foreign Allied Professionals	Professional Interior Designers	CECI Engineering Consultants, INC., Taiwan
IA02668	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	GEOLOGISTS			
IA02672	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FAP00613	Foreign Allied Professionals	Professional Engineering Geologist	Piece from Pieces
IA02676	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	ACOUSTIC ENGINEERS			
IA02680	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	FAP02102	Foreign Allied Professionals	Professional Engineering Geologist	Geotech (SWD)
IA02684	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JOINT VENTURES			
IA02688	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	CONTRACTORS JOINT VENTURE			
IA02692	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JVBF0040	Building JV	JVBF	The ADR Hilton JV
IA02696	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01076	Building JV	JVBC1	KISS JV
IA02700	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02253	Building JV	JVB1	CHR JV
IA02704	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02315	Building JV	JVB1	JP Joint Venture
IA02708	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01585	Building JV	JVB1	RDP Joint Venture
IA02712	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02274	Building JV	JVB2	Seno K Brothers JV
IA02716	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01960	Building JV	JVB3	Veeron JV
IA02720	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02254	Building JV	JVB4	Masakhane-Plumb Build JV
IA02724	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02352	Civil JV	JVCF	WBHO/AG Thomas JV
IA02728	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01132	Electrical JV	JVE1	Mormond-AJ Electrical Contractors JV
IA02732	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02354	Specialist JV	JVBSc	Alucav JV
IA02736	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01450	Specialist JV	JVBSe	Impifa JV
IA02740	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02264	Specialist JV	JVMSb	Elna JV
IA02744	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02279	Specialist JV	JVMSb	Consolidated Construction Company/OPF JV
IA02748	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01997	Specialist JV	JVSc	Jordan Installation/Tee & Jay Wood Works JV
IA02752	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01983	Specialist JV	JVSA	Macnabs-Jordan Refrigeration & Airconditioning JV
IA02756	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02048	Specialist JV	JVSK	FF-YD Interiors JV
IA02760	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	CONSULTANCY PRACTICE JOINT VENTURES			
IA02764	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01225	Civil/Structural	JVC/SE	STCS/ED Simeane JV
IA02768	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01965	Quantity Surveyors	JVQS	Maphanga Mitchell/Mantatsi Nhleko JV
IA02772	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01953	Architects	FJVARC	SBA/Sabvillia JV
IA02776	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV01982	Quantity Surveyors	FJVS	VMM Consortium
IA02780	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti	JV02039	Project Managers	FJNAP	Metrum/SHDC JV
IA02784	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti				
IA02788	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti				
IA02792	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti				
IA02796	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti				
IA02800	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti				
IA02804	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti				
IA02808	Electrical Works	Ij	Nkambele Prosper Velibanti				





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## DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP OF DR SB DLAMINI - A DECISION MAKER



**DECISION MAKER:** Late Former Prime Minister of Eswatini Dr Sibusiso Dlamini.

OF the many essential key attributes needed for distinguished leadership, decision making is very fundamental.

I never had the opportunity to work closely with the late Dr Sibusiso Dlamini Former Prime Minister of Eswatini.

However, I must say that observing him from a distance over time, I can strongly say that he was a decision maker.

Leaders are people that are demanded to at times to make tough and difficult decisions. Sometimes they have to make decisions that will be very unpopular - but if those decisions are made in good faith and in the best interest of the people, the people get to appreciate it afterwards.

On the other hand leaders that shun decision making are bad leaders - because one way or the other, the organisation they lead will suffer and eventually fail.

When decisions are not taken, the organisation gets trapped and be where it neither moves forward nor backward. In fact indecisiveness is a key attribute of bad leadership, leaders by design have to make decisions, as to whether they are good or bad that is a topic on its own.

### H E Dr SB Dlamini, a decision maker

Dr Sibusiso Dlamini was a decision maker and that became evident in 2008/9 when the government of Eswatini experienced a fiscal crisis and had to deal with issues of cash flow that adversely affected the public sector.

In that sticky situation, the World Bank said the government of Eswatini should review the public sector Wage Bill and consider downsize.

In a nutshell, the World Bank said government was to send people home. But knowing the economy of the country and the high unemployment rate that we continue to experience, Dr Sibusiso Dlamini and his Cabinet took a stance that government will not cut civil servant to ease the heavy Wage Bill (a situation that still exists).

Only a leader of the stature of Dr Sibusiso Dlamini would stand against a recommendation of such a highly reputable recognised international institution to say "NO" we are not doing that.

I must say when I read that statement on the press. I was like "ok that is a man that can stand his ground". Dr Dlamini took a stand to say yes things are rough but we are not moving an inch forward from here.

As a nation we ought to recognise and applaud the attributes that Dr Dlamini possessed.

### The different decision making styles

Generally business leaders are faced with dozens of decisions that need to be made every day.

As the organisations grow, the decisions generally become more frequent, more complicated, and have more serious ramifications.

Sometimes it is not about making the right decision, but just making a decision at all.

At times leaders have to make quick decisions in highly chaotic environments and that needs innovative free thinkers with the ability to make rational decisions with limited information under very stressful circumstances and that is often that is a scenario many political leaders exists in.

Dr Dlamini handled himself well in making decision even in tough times. Again I will say I am not sure what

decision making styles Dr Dlamini used in his tenure but there are four basic decision-making styles that leaders opt for; (sourced from Gleeson 2012).

● **Command** - Command decision-making is where leaders make decisions without consulting their teams. This is an effective style, especially when things are moving quickly and the team is looking for immediate guidance. In a business setting, leaders use this style the most effectively on large financial decisions and in crisis

● **Collaborative** - Collaborative decision-making is when leaders gather their teams and request feedback and insight. The leader still makes the final call, but is armed with the proper data to make a more informed decision. This can also be referred to as evidence-based decision-making.

● **Consensus** - Consensus-based

decision-making is done more like a democratic vote. Leaders gather their teams and everyone votes. Majority rules. This process can work well when the outcome of the decision affects the entire team, and generally will not immediately affect the bottom line.

In a quick-moving business environment, this is not the most effective way to make a decision, but there are still some decisions that can be this way. Leaders need to remember that you generally cannot always please everyone.

● **Convenience** - When surrounded by trusted peers, sometimes the best decision a leader can make is to not be the one to make a certain decision. Complete delegation has many benefits including measuring the decision-making abilities of your managers, empowering your team, and maintaining your own sanity.

By handing over some decision-making responsibilities, leaders are also building a better management team and giving them the confidence they need as their responsibilities increase. And, convenience-based decision-making is a great way to avoid the decision trap of "we have always done it this way." New decision makers take fresh approaches to solving problems.

Similarly, business owners, executives and managers must master the ability to make good decisions quickly in order to keep the business moving forward.

The best leaders, however, know when they need input from the team. Good leaders surround themselves with trusted advisors and subject matter experts, so that they can access a constant flow of data to make better decisions.

Dr Dlamini was outstanding in decision making and the country will remember him for that.

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## ON THIS DAY

...OCTOBER 9

**1635** - Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island, was banished from Massachusetts because he had spoken out against punishments for religious offenses and giving away land that belonged to the Indians. Williams had founded Providence, Rhode Island as a place for people to seek religious freedom.

**1701** - The Collegiate School of Connecticut was chartered in New Haven. The name was later changed to Yale.

**1776** - A group of Spanish missionaries settled in what is now San Francisco, CA.

**1781** - The last major battle of the American Revolutionary War took place in Yorktown, VA. The American forces, led by George Washington, defeated the British troops under Lord Cornwallis.

**1812** - During the War of 1812 American forces captured two British brigs, the Detroit and the Caledonia.

**1855** - Isaac Singer patented the sewing machine motor.

**1855** - Joshua C. Stoddard received a patent for his callopie.

**1858** - Mail service via stagecoach between San Francisco, CA, and St. Louis, MO, began.

**1872** - Aaron Montgomery started his mail order business with the delivery of the first mail order catalog. The firm later became Montgomery Wards.

**1876** - Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Watson made their longest telephone call to date. It was a distance of two miles.

**1888** - The public was admitted to the Washington Monument for the first time.

**1914** - During World War I, German forces captured Antwerp, Belgium.

**1919** - The Cincinnati Reds won the World Series. The win would be later tainted when 8 Chicago White Sox were charged with throwing the game. The incident became known as the "Black Sox" scandal.

**1930** - Aviator Laura Ingalls landed in Glendale, CA, to complete the first solo transcontinental flight across the US by a woman.

**1935** - "Cavalcade of America" was first broadcast on CBS radio.

**1936** - The first generator at Boulder Dam began transmitting electricity to Los Angeles, CA. The name of the dam was later changed to Hoover Dam.

**1940** - St. Paul's Cathedral in London was bombed by the Nazis. The dome was unharmed in the bombing.

**1943** - "Land of the Lost" debuted on ABC radio.

**1946** - "The Iceman Cometh" opened in New York City, NY.

**1946** - The first electric blanket went on sale in Petersburg, VA.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Tyler James Williams** (movie actress) - October 9, 1992 (26 years old)



**Bella Hadid** (Model) - October 9, 1996 (22 years old)

# How Ugandan media has borne brunt of censorship for decades

**THE world watched in outrage recently as Reuters photojournalist, James Akena, was clobbered by three soldiers on the streets of Uganda's capital Kampala in full view of television cameras.**

Akena was covering the demonstrations for the release of Robert Kyagulanyi, a Member of Parliament and pop singer also known as 'Bobi Wine.'

Yoweri Museveni, who has been the East African country's president for the past 32 years, tried to explain away the attack.

He said he'd been informed that it was a case of mistaken identity - Akena had been mistaken for a camera thief.

But for many in the media this was nothing new, as intimidation and violence is an almost daily threat. Uganda is now ranked 117th out of 180 countries in Reporters Without Borders' 2018 World Press Freedom Index, five places lower than in 2017.

Uganda has a long history of media censorship.

The country's first post independence head of government, Milton Obote who became prime minister in 1962, banned the intellectual Rajat Neogy's Transition magazine. Idi Amin overthrew Obote in 1971 - during his regime, key journalists disappeared without trace.

The press was a central target during the second Obote government between 1980-1985 and its military successor.

Museveni's rise to power in 1986 was met with relief. It's almost quaint to think back to a time when Uganda, under a newly elected Museveni, was held as a paragon of African democracy with all the freedoms it entails.

## The period of hope

In 1990, four years after Museveni came to power, the country was still experiencing a new political dawn. A Danish-produced documentary (still available in the archives of Uganda Broadcasting corporation television), then investigating the depth of freedom of the press in Uganda, was clearly enthralled.

The narrator exclaimed that: "A free press in Africa, a rare thing in Africa."

Until the mid-1980s, Uganda had been a political basket case.

Mere differences of political opinion and free expression were deathly taboos. But the new political class that toppled the autocratic regimes of Obote and General Tito Okello announced the arrival of a new dawn.

As the then youthful Museveni was sworn-in as the head of state on the steps of the parliamentary buildings in early 1986, he declared: "This is not a mere change of the guard but a fundamental change."

The Danish documentary featured one of the rising stars in the media



Uganda has a long history of media censorship under President Yoweri Museveni.

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firmament, then editor of the respected (now defunct) Weekly Topic, Charles Onyango Obbo.

He spoke on camera about the trustworthiness of the new political class, because "many of them come from liberal backgrounds".

In fact many of the new political class were in fact hardliners on the left.

Obbo's Editor-in-chief Wafula Oguttu was just as effusive about the future of a free press. He pointed out that it was guaranteed under the Ugandan constitution and it could not be desecrated.

## Reversal of freedoms

But things started changing for the worse in the mid-1990s.

This included the government shutting down media platforms, legal threats, the infiltration of newsrooms by security spies, thuggery, intimidation and withholding of advertising from institutions deemed to be critical of the government.

As respected Ugandan radio host and media scholar, Samuel Kazibwe said, in addition to political pressure, economic pressure, an oppressive legal regime and even cultural or religious factors, the main censor has become, the political one because it even has the capacity to close a media house without following any legally laid down rules and procedures.

Some notable examples stand out.

In 2009, four radio stations, including Kazibwe's CBS radio were closed down for a year.

Owned by the Buganda monarchy, the largest of Uganda's four kingdoms, CBS radio had given full coverage of riots in Kampala and neighbouring towns following the central government's restriction on Buganda's prime minister travelling to a culturally contested part of the kingdom.

The government closed the station, alongside other stations, claiming that they were fanning insecurity in the country.

In 2013, the independent Daily Monitor was shut down for more than a week after publishing a letter alleging that Museveni was grooming his son to succeed him. Its sister radio stations KFM and Dembe Radio were also occupied by police and closed down.

Government also regularly takes journalists to court. Obbo appeared in court 45 times between 1997 and 1999.

Commercial threats are also used. Oguttu accused the government of deliberately denying their paper adverts right from its infancy in 1993.

And then there are the bribes. Research has highlighted censorship that takes the form of bribes - nicknamed "brown envelopes".

These are often doled out to journalists to write favourable stories and to ignore the controversial issues.

Kazibwe says that there are incidences where these powerful organisations have arm twisted media organisations to sack certain journalists because they believe they are out to collapse their companies.

Fast forward to 2018. Despite Museveni's flimsy excuse for the assault on the Reuters' photographer - the reason was clear:

It is part of an ongoing and systematic form of censorship designed to stifle freedom of the press in Uganda.

## Tackling issues

Despite all the threats and challenges, the media in Uganda continues to tackle controversial issues and break big stories of corruption and abuse of power. Nation TV's On the Spot,

NBS TV's Frontline, Capital Radio's Capital Gang, and Radio Simba's Gasimbaganye ne Bannamawulire, as well as CBS Radio's current Affairs programmes continue to court politically controversial topics.

They host government critics and civil rights activists who openly speak out.

The president also allows press conferences where probing questions are asked which continue to at least afford a semblance of press freedom in the country in spite of the lurking iron fist.

*The Conversation*



# NHLANHLA NENE UNDERMINES RAMAPHOSA'S INTEGRITY TICKET

**JOHANNESBURG** - Nhlanhla Nene's position as finance minister has suddenly become untenable, both for the country and President Cyril Ramaphosa's campaign to clean up corruption in government.

This follows Nene's shocking revelations that he did not only "bump" into members of the Gupta family, but he also paid a visit to the family's private home more than five times.

Nene has apologised for failing to disclose earlier the extent of his encounters with the Guptas. The days leading to his appearance at the Zondo commission have been dramatic by any measure. The Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) had threatened to spill the beans about Nene's dealings with the Guptas unless he fully disclosed it at the commission.

Whatever the EFF knows about Nene, it is only Nene and the EFF who know the veracity of the damage that might be caused by revelations of such information.

It is not principled of the EFF to blackmail Nene; the fighters should just release the information in the public interest, and not keep it for their political mileage against Nene or the ANC. The reality, however, is that it is within the context of the EFF's blackmail that Nene admitted to have met the Guptas at their private home several times.

The problem is, therefore, with the timing and nature of Nene's disclosure. It is not clear at this point if Nene has disclosed all there is to know about his encounters with the Guptas. He seems not to see anything wrong with a finance minister giving an audience to a private family simply because one of the family members studied economics.

During the time Nene met with the Guptas, the family was allegedly consolidating their control over government institutions, including various government departments. Therefore, it makes no sense that whilst the Guptas were meeting people with the sole purpose of furthering their interests and hold on state institutions, their interest in Nene was purely to

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**PLEASE:** South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Finance Minister Nhlanhla Nene.

discuss the interesting subject of economics. Even after apologising, there are lingering questions regarding Nene's timing in terms of his disclosure – why he kept quiet for such a long time with such material information.

Nene betrayed many people who staked their reputation by going all out in supporting him after he was fired. During that time, he had an opportunity to walk away and not come back to Treasury as someone with integrity. By accepting to be appointed as part of the 'new

dawn', Nene has made Ramaphosa's clean-up campaign hit a wall. How does Ramaphosa now justify removing controversial ministers and other officials who have been directly implicated in state capture?

If Nene stays as finance minister, it will be difficult for some to believe in his medium-term budget policy statement. Nene's situation undermines Ramaphosa's integrity ticket. The entire anti-corruption stance is called into question when the finance minister is not beyond

reproach. The position of finance minister is a serious one; it is the most important department in terms of reading the president's strategic direction regarding the economy and good governance.

With Nene as finance minister, Ramaphosa's message becomes somehow hazy.

— *Ralph Mathekga is a Fellow at the SARCHI Chair: African Diplomacy and Foreign Policy at the University of Johannesburg and author of 'When Zuma Goes' and 'Ramaphosa's Turn'. News24*

## Ramaphosa stamps authority on NEC, calls Zuma on plot allegations

**CAPE TOWN** - Former president Jacob Zuma is set to be summoned before the ANC's top six to explain his recent mysterious meeting with high-profile ANC leaders in KwaZulu-Natal, which has sparked allegations of a plot to oust President Cyril Ramaphosa.

The ANC wants answers on the alleged Maharani Hotel plot meeting last month. Among the details sought is clarity on the coincidence that current and former leaders of the party who had previously lobbied against a Ramaphosa presidency – including Secretary-General Ace Magashule – found themselves all in one place at the same time without any prior arrangement.

Luthuli House was at the time neither aware of, nor informed about, any planned meeting involving Magashule, whose position

as secretary-general is akin to that of chief executive officer of the governing party.

The high-level probe is to be presided over by Ramaphosa himself as he gradually stamps his authority in the 90-member ANC national executive committee (NEC).

### Authority

Ramaphosa's assertion of his authority is in contrast to earlier perceptions and criticism that he was finding it difficult to lead the divided ANC following his election as party leader, which took place in December at Nasrec, south of Johannesburg.

Those expected to be summoned before the top six to explain the alleged plot include Zuma, former North West premier Supra Mahumapelo, ANC Women's League Secretary-General Meekgo Matuba, ANC Youth League

KwaZulu-Natal leader Thanduxolo Sabelo and ANC members who attended the NEC meeting last weekend at Saint George Hotel in Irene, Tshwane.

### Leaders

Discussions about the plot were held after inputs by a number of ANC leaders, including former deputy finance minister Sifiso Buthelezi, Head of the NEC's subcommittee on economic transformation Enoch Godongwana and ANC Veterans' League President Snuki Zikalala.

An NEC member said most of those attending the meeting wanted the matter to be given serious attention.

"NEC members felt that the matter should be laid to rest; others said there was no need to investigate because the plot to unseat the president was created by the media.

"It was then resolved that the ANC national officials should probe the allegations and compile a report," the insider said. Another NEC member said they viewed the matter in a very serious light. "We are not going to dismiss it. We are expecting the NEC to give us the report in the next NEC meeting."

City Press has learnt that the veterans' league leaders told the NEC meeting that the matter was discussed during the league's national office bearers meeting last Thursday.

The league had considered summoning Zuma to appear before them and answer to the allegations, but there was no consensus on the proposal. Zikalala told City Press this week that allegations of a plot to unseat Ramaphosa were a serious matter. *News24*

## Wit and Wisdom

● "Knock, And He'll open the door  
Vanish, And He'll make you shine like the sun  
Fall, And He'll raise you to the heavens  
Become nothing, And He'll turn you into everything."

— *Jalal Ad-Din Rumi*

● "Make your own Bible. Select and collect all the words and sentences that in your readings have been to you like blast of a trumpet."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

● "1. Be Impeccable With Your Word. Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love."

2. Don't Take Anything Personally  
Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

3. Don't Make Assumptions  
Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

4. Always Do Your Best  
Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse and regret."

— *Don Miguel Ruiz*

● "I believe in God, but not as one thing, not as an old man in the sky. I believe that what people call God is something in all of us. I believe that what Jesus and Mohammed and Buddha and all the rest said was right. It's just that the translations have gone wrong."

— *John Lennon*

● "Science is not only compatible with spirituality; it is a profound source of spirituality."

— *Carl Sagan, The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark*

"More smiling, less worrying. More compassion, less judgment. More blessed, less stressed. More love, less hate."

— *Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart*

"No woman wants to be in submission to a man who isn't in submission to God!"

— *T D Jakes*

"You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do."

— *Anne Lamott*

"The possession of knowledge does not kill the sense of wonder and mystery. There is always more mystery."

— *Anais Nin*



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## VITALS

Prime Rate	10.50%
<b>First National Bank</b>	
Inflation Rate	4.9%
<b>Central Statistical Office</b>	
Mortgage Rate	10.25%
<b>Swaziland Building Society</b>	
Bank Rate	7.0%
<b>Central Bank</b>	
Petrol (u)	E13.30 per litre
Replacement	E13.35 per litre
Diesel	E13.30 per litre
Paraffin	E 9.65 per litre
<b>Engen Garage</b>	

# Lilangeni flirts with E15/\$

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

PEGGED to the Rand on a one-on-one basis, the Lilangeni came close to the 15 mark against the US dollar yesterday as South African Minister of Finance Nhlamhla Nene reportedly asked to be relieved off his duties.

Nene has been under mounting pressure lately following his confession that he had met with the Gupta brothers a couple of times, despite him earlier denying this.

Opposition parties like the Economic Freedom Fighters are not affording him any peace either as they threatened to spill the beans on his dealings with the Guptas.

As Nene pleaded for forgiveness and asked to be relieved off his duties, the rand tumbled and by the same token the Lilangeni as both currencies flirted with the 15 mark

...As pressure mounts on SA finance minister amid Gupta links



against the US dollar.

The rand was more than one per cent weaker at 14.9200 per dollar by mid-day yesterday.

Businessday reported Minister

Nene's request came after some political parties rejected his apology for previously undisclosed meetings with the Guptas from 2010 to 2014, when he served as deputy

minister and minister of finance respectively.

The South African economy recently went into recession which quickly escalated into nightmares for Eswatini as the Kingdom has to deal with multiple effects of its major trading partner's economic downturn.

The local economy is closely linked with South Africa ways as recent data shows that 60 per cent of the country's exports are destined for South Africa while 75 per cent of imports come from the neighbouring country.

In the agriculture industry, Eswatini still imports most of its food from South Africa.

The Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE) cautioned that the recession would affect the kingdom's trade with South Africa in many ways, the first being less demand for locally produced goods.

## Vegetable farmers dominate this year's WFF competition

By Majaha Nkonyane

THE National Agricultural Marketing Board (NAMBoard) has influenced this year's Woman Farmer Competition (WFF), as the largest number of entries was received from vegetable farmers.

This is according to WFF Programme Officer Ndumiso Masimula.

"Vegetable farming has been the most dominating enterprise in both categories.

This is due to the organised market for vegetables in the country from NAMBoard. The top ten that is judged is drawn both from youth adult categories," he said.

According to Masimula, the judges have visited all the 265 applicants



to judge their different agricultural enterprises. The enterprises came from crops, livestock and aquaculture (fish production).

After completion of the field work,

judges then went through each and every score sheet to determine the if the score was really justified.

Another team then reviewed all the scores and eventually came with

the final top 10 finalists.

Other enterprises for adults included pig production, banana, lemon, paw paw productions.

Currently the competition is undergoing video shooting for the top ten on both categories. WFF and the ministry of agriculture are working out a date for the prize giving ceremony.

Eight judges were engaged by the Woman Farmer Foundation in this year's competition.

"The judges visited each and every farmer that filled and sent the entry form to us.

The judging exercise identifies the winners of 2018. The judging started in Hhohho region to Manzini, Shiselweni and Lubombo," Masimula said.

## SAFETY CRITICAL IN 'HANDIGAS' USE

By Majaha Nkonyane

PRINCIPAL Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy Winnie Stewart feels that safety should come first in the use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) which is also known as handigas.

Stewart advised on the importance of taking caution when using LPG gas especially for domestic purposes. "If you smell LPG inside your home keep flames and cigarettes out of the affected room and away from the area.

"Turn off all gas appliances, turn off the gas supply at the LPG cylinder(s)," she said.

Even though the country's LPG market is currently small, Stewart advised that when using LPG gas cylinders consumers should open doors and windows to ventilate the area at all times.

In addition, she advised consumers against the use of mobile devices around LPG.

"Contact your LPG retailer or a licenced gas worker immediately to check the installation.

"If the smell persists in the house go outside to a safe place away from the building. Ensure all fixed LPG installations are fitted and serviced," she said.

Stewart also stated the importance of keeping LPG appliances and fittings in excellent condition and having them regularly serviced.



The ministry of natural resources and energy assisted in the formation and launch of the LPG association of Eswatini.

The association brings together the LPG suppliers.

The ministry and the LPG association were at the Eswatini International Trade Fair to educate the public on the different appliances that utilise this energy source and its benefits.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Correct as at 05 OCTOBER 18

CURRENCY	BUY	SELL
US Dollar / SZL	14.8025	14.8525
British Pound/SZL	19.2603	19.2353
Japanese Yen/SZL	7.6714	7.6967
Swiss France/SZL	14.9038	14.9497
Botswana Pula/SZL	1.3618	1.3783
Australian Dollar/SZL	10.4609	10.5037
Canadian Dollar/SZL	11.4562	11.4913
Mozambique Meticals/SZL	5.5211	5.5942
Euro/SZL	17.0325	17.0900
Gold	1,198.6500	
Oil	86.41	

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**WELL DONE:** Semahle Dlamini (12) from The Light Primary School accepting her prize from MTN Head of Corporate Services Sibusiso Nhleko and Ministry of Education ICT Senior Inspector Mgcibelo Tsela.



**THANK YOU:** Mathunjwa Lindelwe (17) from St Francis High School displaying her prize.

# MTN DEEPENING INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF ICT SKILLS, JOBS

Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**AUTOMATION, digital platforms and artificial intelligence are changing the fundamental nature of work.**

Based on this realisation, MTN Eswatini has expanded its investment in the future of information and communications technology (ICT) skills and jobs.

Just recently, the company awarded about 150 pupils who excelled in this year's ICT expos. In total, over 3 000 primary and high school pupils from various parts of the country benefited from this sponsorship. They were hosted by Eswatini Science Mathematics and Technology Association (SSMTA), which consists of three teacher associations; Eswatini Information and Communication Technology Teachers Association (EICTTA), Eswatini Association of Mathematics Teachers (EAMT), and Eswatini Science Teachers Association (ESTA).

Other sponsors were Eswatini Communications Commission (ESCCOM) and SK Computers.

Speaking at the awarding ceremony, MTN Head of Corporate Services Sibusiso Nhleko said



**REMARKS:** Nhleko speaking at the function.

by supporting the ICT expos, MTN seeks to contribute in changing the local economy from being a consumer of technology to playing an active role in its development.

"Sitting here today is potential, which speaks at what you are capable of doing, but have not done it yet.

I hope this platform will help you to unleash your potential," he told the pupils.

He congratulated the winners and commended their teachers for voluntarily putting in extra hours to unleash their potential not only for the benefit of the country, but also for nations of

the world.

He urged the pupils to continue working hard to realise their future career aspirations in ICT.

"This is a good start for all of you. The journey of a thousand mile begins with a single step. You are the future, and we believe in you."

Nhleko pledged the company's continued support of the ICT expo.

"We believe in partnership, and we look forward for more partners to join us and make this initiative bigger so that we can influence more pupils to fall in love with STEM subjects," he said.

ESTA's Sifiso Magagula said

they were already reaping the expo's benefits.

For instance, he said two female pupils recently represented the country in Ethiopia during the African Girls Can Code initiative, which was launched to help bridge the gender divide by encouraging girls and young women across Africa to take up careers in the ICT sector.

The aim of the prize presentation was to celebrate learners that have embraced technology.

EAMT President Mafihlo Dlamini said their aim is to encourage pupils to undertake research in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects.

"Research has enabled developed countries to find solutions for challenges that hindered their development," he said.

Meanwhile, Ministry of Education ICT Senior Inspector Mgcibelo Tsela assured pupils that government has committed to award scholarships for them to study STEM related occupations.

"If you continue to do well, government will definitely fund you to study any of these subjects due to the existing need in these careers," he said.

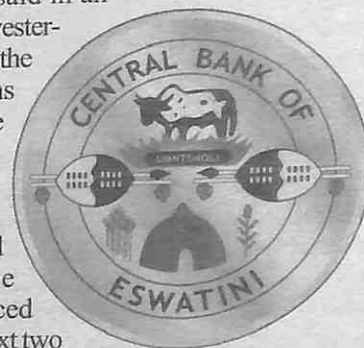
## 30 teams hit Fintech bootcamp

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**OVER 82 local innovators rose up to the Fintech Challenge whose custodian is the Central Bank of Eswatini (CBE).**

Thirty of these creative minds have since been shortlisted and were taken for a week-long bootcamp at the Royal Science and Technology Park.

CBE said in an update yesterday that the 10 teams will be short-listed from the 30 and will be announced in the next two weeks.



The deadline for submissions of proposals in the inaugural Fintech Challenge was September 14.

The Central Bank received 37 per cent more applications at the close of submissions for this challenge as it was anticipated that 60 proposals would be sent through.

Applications were from Swati-led start-ups, teams of young professionals and experienced business personnel, including students within and outside the country.

The Fintech Challenge is a competition open to all persons above 15 years of age working either as start-ups, teams and individuals to come up with innovative, novel, exciting and impactful technologies.

The Central Bank said it had received applications covering the following sectors: cryptocurrencies, alternative credit scoring, budgeting and e-loans, cyber security, digital know your customer, insurtech, mobile wallets, offline payments, remittances, crowd funding, peer-to-peer lending, payment gateways, personal finance, e-commerce platforms, proptech, shared savings management and open API.

## Standard Bank ends customer service week with chocolate treats

By Majaha Nkonyane

**STANDARD Bank put a smile on customers' faces by handing over chocolate treats with thank you tags to clients who visited the branches from last week Thursday, in celebration of customer service week.**

Head of Service Thuli Shiba said customer centricity is the heartbeat of the Standard Bank's strategy. Shiba said customer feedback on service experience is significant in helping the bank drive proposed operational and digitisation plans.

"The commemoration of customer service week and the theme 'Excellence Happens Here' is there-



**POSE:** Matsapha Branch staff pose in readiness to serve customers with chocolate treats. (Courtesy pic)

fore a reminder of how our service offering should meet customer expectations.

Our customers are crucial in helping the bank innovate financial solu-

tions that are convenient, cost efficient and user friendly to effectively drive initiatives aimed at driving Eswatini's growth," she said.

She emphasised that the branch

activation served as a key reminder of the contact centre details, for customers to call for enquiries, complaints or any compliments they may have regarding the bank's offer-

ing.

"This really goes a long way in reminding institutions on their service promise to enable service excellence across all interaction points."

**Attended**

The customer meet and greet session at its Mbabane branch was attended by senior executives including the Head of Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB) Betty Murambodoro, Head of Personal and Business Banking Charles Hlatshwayo and Head of Marketing Sanele Khumalo, amongst others, who spent parts of the morning interacting with customers and getting a sense of their views on the bank's product service offering.

This was a rare opportunity for customers to meet the executive and share their views on what works for their day-to-day banking needs.





THE risk-based approach recognises that not all aspects of an accountable institution business present the same level of risk.

Certain aspects of the business an accountable institution conducts will pose greater money-laundering risks than others and will require additional controls to mitigate these risks, while others will present a minimal risk and will not need the same level of attention.

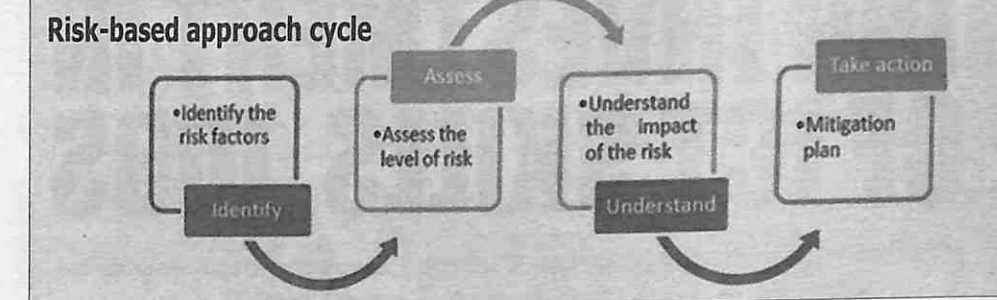
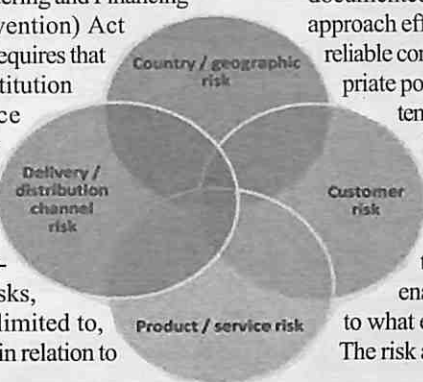
In implementing the risk based approach, financial service providers (FSPs) should have in place processes to identify, assess, monitor, manage and mitigate money laundering and terrorist financing risks.

#### RISK BASED APPROACH APPLICATION

The obligation to adopt a risk-based approach for the prevention of ML/TF is one of the key elements in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Recommendations 1 states that 'Countries should identify, assess, and understand the money laundering and terrorist financing risks for the country, and should take action, including designating an authority or mechanism to coordinate actions to assess risks, and apply resources, aimed at ensuring the risks are mitigated effectively.'

Based on that assessment, countries should apply a risk-based approach (RBA) to ensure that measures to prevent or mitigate money laundering and terrorist financing are commensurate with the risks identified.

The Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (Prevention) Act 2011, as amended, requires that an accountable institution should put in place appropriate processes to identify, assess, monitor, manage and mitigate money laundering and financing of terrorism risks, including but not limited to, risks that may arise in relation to



the development of new products, business practices and delivery channels or risks that may arise through the use of new or developing technologies.

#### IMPLEMENTING THE RISK BASED APPROACH

The risk based approach or assessment process should be comprehensive, transparent and well documented. When completing the risk based approach effectively, the end result should create reliable conclusions necessary to establish appropriate policies, procedures, processes and systems required to develop the FSPs ML/TF Programme.

#### RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk assessment should form the basis of a FSP's RBA. It should enable the FSP to understand how, and to what extent, it is vulnerable to ML/TF. The risk assessment should always be proper-

ly documented, maintained and communicated to relevant personnel within the FSP. It should also be commensurate with the nature and size of the FSP's business.

**In identifying how the FSP may be vulnerable to ML/TF risks, the following sources of ML/TF must be considered:**

**Products or services** - An important element of a risk assessment is to review new and existing products and services that the FSP offers to determine how they may be used to launder money or finance terrorism.

**Customer risk** - A vital step in risk assessment is the analysis of the users of the products and services that the FSP offers. This factor looks at the various types of clients, such as individuals, listed companies, private companies, partnerships, financial institutions and others who want to establish a relationship with the FSP.

**Geography** - Assess whether your own office

location, the location of your customers, the countries to which you transfer funds, and the countries from which you receive funds could pose a high risk for ML/TF activities.

**Delivery Channel** - Assess the manner in which the FSP delivers its products, assess all your products, services and delivery channels to determine if they pose a high risk of ML/TF.

**Nature, size and complexity of the FSP** - Assess other factors that may apply to the FSP that makes it more attractive to individuals who want to carry out illicit activities.

#### RISK RATING AND SCORING

Risk is dynamic and needs to be continuously managed. It is critical that risk ratings accurately reflect the risks present, provide meaningful assessments that lead to practical steps to mitigate the risks, are periodically reviewed and, when necessary, are updated. Below is an example of a risk scoring matrix one can use.

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LIVELIHOOD What chance it will happen?	Very Likely	Medium	Low	Very Low
	High	Medium	Low	Very Low
	Medium	Low	Very Low	Very Low
	Low	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low
IMPACT How serious is the risk?				
	Minor	Moderate	Major	Major

## SWASA urged to grow income generating base

By Majaha Nkonyane

**IN order to keep up with the ever changing world of technology, the Swaziland Standards Authority (SWASA) has been encouraged to grow its income generating base as this will also help in deepening and expanding their services.**

This is contained in the Public Enterprises Unit quarterly report for June 2017. "A growth in income will help fund the resuscitation of the organisation to meet its mandate in the face of rapid technological advancement. SWASA plays a critical role in improving the competitiveness of the economy, standards form the basis of quality and are key to creating global confidence in our products," the report states.

According to the report, SWASA went through a strategic planning exercise to establish the strategic direction that they should be taking for the next three years. The new strategy seeks to ensure that the

organisation plays a crucial role in the development of SMMEs by inculcating a standards based culture and making sure that the conformity assessment services within the organisation mandate is available to the SMMEs and other industry players. "The services include but not limited to enhanced training services, quality systems and product certification, and testing services.

It also provides for a structure which allows for multi-skilling of staff in standardisation, training and certification areas," the report said.

SWASA received 14 complaints in this period which comprised of electronics, services and clothing. Eight of those companies, according to the report, were successfully investigated and closed out. "Four of these complaints are still pending investigations whilst two cannot be investigated as complaints could not produce proof of purchase," the report said.

By Majaha Nkonyane

**THE Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) recorded a surplus of E94 million as a result of decreased expenditure from E5.12 million to E5.08 million.**

This is contained in the Public Enterprises Unit quarterly report for June 2017. According to the report, the Authority continued to contribute to the economy by creating employment opportunities for the nation. "The

## SIPA records E94 million surplus

Authority in the next quarter will be creating a total of 692 jobs," the report states. SIPA received a subvention of E5.41 million while interest received from interest bearing accounts amounted to E200 000.

Income generated from Mavuso Exhibition, Trade and Sport Centre amounted to E390 000. SIPA's expenditure for the quarter amounted to E5.09 million compared to a budget of E5.76 million. Meanwhile, the

Authority coordinated and funded participation of seven companies to trade shows in South Africa and in Taiwan.

#### Processing

"Four companies in food processing, leather products, product made from recycled waste paper and afro-fabrics and fashion home ware went to South Africa while three companies went to the Taipei Food Show held in Taiwan," the report states.

## LONG WAY TO GO TO REDUCE GLOBAL TEMPERATURES

By Hlengiwe Ndlovu

**ERRATIC weather patterns are not exactly a pleasant scenario and especially not the global rising of temperatures.**

Yesterday, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a much anticipated report describing ways in which to limit the rising of global temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius and preventing dangerous warming. The report shows there are ready-to-go solutions that can help achieve the target, rapidly reduce the rate of warming, and prevent millions of premature deaths from air pollution each year.

UN Environment suggested in a press statement yesterday that one way of reducing runaway warming is to act right away to reduce highly potent but short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) like methane, tropospheric ozone, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and black carbon. Fast and immediate action on SLCPs

can avoid over half a degree of warming by 2050. Drew Shindell, Professor of Climate Sciences at Duke University and a lead author on the IPCC report, said no scenario exists where the world can get to 1.5 degrees without reducing these highly potent, but short-lived climate forcers alongside CO2.

"The report emphasises that reaching low warming targets is so challenging that we need to use all the options at our disposal. Since they typically have relatively low costs, least-cost mitigation pathways tend to maximise SLCP reductions," Dr Shindell said.

UN Environment alluded to interlinkages between climate change and air pollution. "Reducing these pollutants not only protects the climate but also promotes clean air. Acting now can prevent two and a half million premature deaths from air pollution each year, and save more than 50 million tons of food crops annually," UN Environment said in a statement. "Without action on short-lived cli-

mate pollutants, there is little chance to reach the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C goal. Reducing these pollutants must be done in addition to a fast switch to a low-carbon economy," Helena Molin Valdés, Head of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition said.

"Short-lived climate pollutants are the 'low hanging fruit' in the fight against climate change. We have the tools and proven technologies and policies to help countries achieve immediate reductions, and by doing so we can solve air pollution and climate simultaneously."

Existing solutions include replacing HFCs in refrigeration and air conditioning and properly disposing of them; reducing methane from waste streams (including food waste) and from agriculture; expanding clean cookstoves and phasing out black carbon emissions from heavy duty engines like trucks, buses and ships; and reducing methane leakage from oil and gas production.





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## TAKING CONSTRUCTION TO ANOTHER LEVEL

Mbongeni Mbingo

There is a quiet optimism about the job at hand for Construction Associates, exhibited in an interview of the man who has just been handed the portfolio of driving the company into new adventures.

George De Sousa, the Managing Director Building, New Markets and Concessions sits comfortably in his chair and speaks about the prospects of the company, assisted by Paul Bester, the CA Managing Director. Both men symbolise what makes this company so successful, more than 40 years since its birth.

Construction Associates is not a name that immediately springs to mind when major construction companies are mentioned, despite its illustrious 40 year existence in which the company has been responsible for some of the most iconic buildings in the Kingdom.

The company has gone about its business with the quiet efficiency that is only matched by its professionalism and sticking to its original values dating back to when it was registered in Swaziland in February 1977. Back then, the company was 80% owned by the Lonrho PLC Group.

Fast forward to 40 years later and CA has made a mark throughout the Kingdom of Eswatini with beautiful and resilient structures. Its impressive resume includes the



Republic of China on Taiwan Embassy, the High Court building, the New Mall, the Nkhotfotjeni building as well as the Corporate Place, and some brilliant projects such as Liphaga, Estel House, The Hub, and Mavuso Sports Centre.

The list is truly endless. What stands out is, if not for their architecture, then definitely for the quality of work. Strong, solid work that offers durability. It is what embodies the ethos of the construction company that has been focused on delivering outstanding structures since the foundation of a school was laid down in 1977.

Since then, Construction Associates has not looked back, despite changes in the company's shareholding over the course of this period, having been acquired by the Inyatsi Group in 2009, when Inyatsi was looking to diversify.

"We are the building arm of Inyatsi," states De Sousa, explaining the relationship between the two companies.

It is also why he has been handed the CA portfolio, from his position as Executive Director Rest of Africa (Inyatsi Group). He brings invaluable experience to the portfolio, having worked in the construction indus-

try for over 30 years and having been involved in numerous multimillion projects across a wide-spectrum of fields in three different countries.

This positioning speaks to the kind of vision at Group level, tying in with Construction Associates belief that the construction industry is on an upward trend, in spite of the state of the economy.

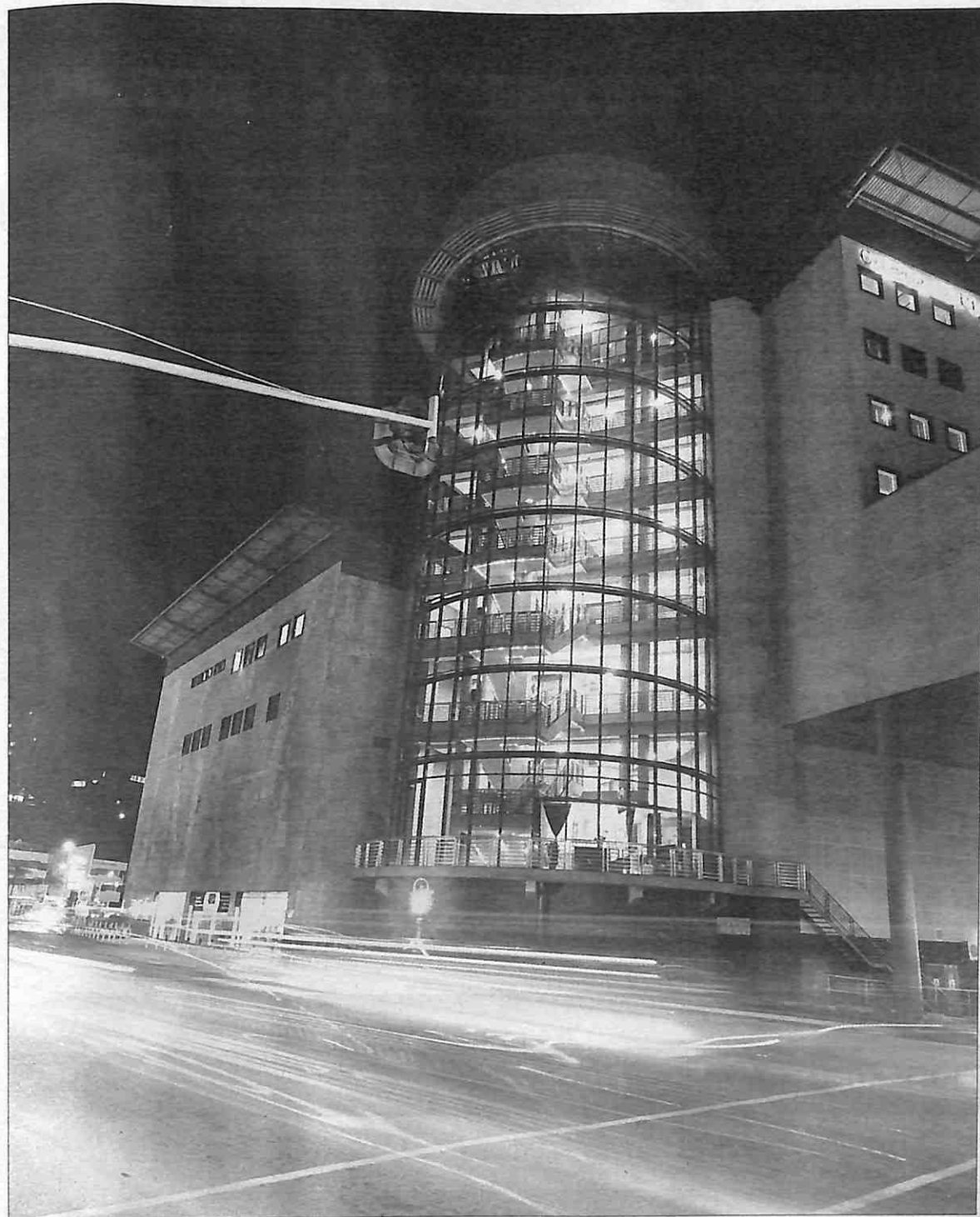
Instead of seeing negatives, CA, as they are known, see only opportunities, adds De Sousa.

With his experience, De Sousa has the huge responsibility to chart new grounds





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## CA AT THE BEGINNING

The company was registered in Swaziland in February 1977 and was at that time 80% owned by the Lonrho PLC Group. Under its General Manager, Jeff Perring, the company won its first contract to build some rural schools.

Since then the company has gone from strength to strength, building a variety of structures including factories, factory extensions, multi storey office blocks, shopping complexes, a distillery, bridges, culverts, water filtration plants, water and sewer pipelines, etc.

In 1999 the Lonrho shareholding was bought out by the local management as part of Lonrho disinvestment programme.

At that time Jeff Perring, Chris Simoes, Phil Perry and Alistair Lyle became directors and shareholders.

Since becoming independent from Lonrho, the local management were able to substantially re-invest in the company to provide it with a secure footing for its future operations.

In the years since the Management Buy Out (MBO), the company's capital base and investment in plant and equipment has expanded substantially.

The company employs a core of around 45 experienced and skilled staff covering administration, quantity surveying,

tradesmen, foremen and site agents.

In addition the company employs up to 400 workers on an hourly paid, contract-by-contract basis. The company is registered as a 'Category B1' contractor with the Construction Industry Council of Eswatini (CIC). This grading allows unlimited value under building contracts.

In September 2009, Construction Associates' shareholding was taken over by Inyatsi Construction Group.

Inyatsi Construction Group is a Swazi owned international company, with subsidiary companies in Swaziland, South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia and Zambia whose main business is in civil engineering, construction, infrastructure and road works. Construction Associates came in as a building construction organ of the group in the Swaziland market.

The advanced technical methods and systems of Inyatsi, combined with the experience from Construction Associates, have complemented very well to produce an even more stable and modernised building construction company. Construction Associates is being capacitated to handle more and larger contracts to meet the E500M annual turnover target, set by the Group.

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cent annually in turnover. This is not bad, considering the state of the economy. To this, however, Bester sees things differently. He says that the building industry is definitely on a high; "we are not negative about the future!"

The company has diversified its portfolio to stand it in good stead for the future. "I do not think we have reached the peak yet," reveals Bester.

As one who has been around for a while, having joined in 2010, Bester outlines the values that have remained the backbone of the company for decades.

He believes that they still have a lot to achieve, explaining why bringing someone like De Sousa is an important strategic move aimed at giving them an edge in the industry, with a view to incorporating the skill that he brings into the company.

But what is essential to the success CA has enjoyed, according to Bester, is that "everybody is very happy" at CA. Added to this, he reveals, is that at CA they are hands-on in all projects they undertake. This ensures that the clients know what they are getting, as well as timelines - every step of the way.

"The clients are important to us; they must feel comfortable that we too know what we are doing," De Sousa chips in.

With over 24 years' experience in managerial and leadership roles on larger and complex projects to dual functions in running an office and project teams, you can tell the optimism and expectation around—even at Group level—around De Sousa's arrival at CA. To this, he says he hopes to bring a new dimension to the job at hand, to compliment what the company achieves. This is essential, for in De Sousa's portfolio is to

look at expansion and acquisitions; stuff that is often relegated to the background.

According to Bester, what has enabled CA to grow over the years has been that ability to diversify the portfolio. As such, CA has built a very good culture among a united team which has given them consistency.

According to De Sousa, no job is too big for Construction Associates. George, who reveals that he has joined the company to bring in a new dimension to its DNA, believes that what sets CA apart is that the staff are focused on what they are good at, which then makes the company to be well-structured.

"What I have found here is a well-structured company; the guys know what they are doing," he says. Adding, he states that "the idea is to go forward".

De Sousa's own business philosophy, which

he hopes to tie in with that of CA, is that the each project is run as an independent business with the company as the bank.

This is what has shaped and enhanced his managerial and financial prudence to manage multimillion projects.

It is clear from the interview why George is a key addition to this company, equipped with technical skill and vast corporate experience. "I see myself and my skill complimenting what is already here, with my experience from the corporate sector," George adds.

He further states that what he has found within the company is that it is well structured, "and everyone knows what they are doing". He points out that this makes it easy for him to adapt and to bring in his own identity.

"My experience from the corporate sector will obviously be key. I have a different knowledge and technical skill that I hope will compliment what is already being achieved," says De Sousa.

Construction Association offers a quality product tied with timeous delivery, perhaps unmatched in the construction industry.

What has seen it through tough economic times is its commitment to quality and resilience, having weathered economic storms through diversifying its portfolio and not relying on government for business.





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## MBABANE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL MATERNITY UNIT



## WOODLAND'S COMMERCIAL CENTRE







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## MIDWAY SHOPPING CENTRE(CORNER PLAZA)



## LUBOMBO REGIONAL HOSPITAL







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## CONSTRUCTION EXCELLENCE FOR OVER 40 YEARS

**H**aving being in Eswatini for more than 40 years, Construction Associates has firmly emblazoned its footprint in the Kingdom.

The company is responsible for some of the most iconic buildings in the country, including (in Mbabane) the Republic of China on Taiwan Embassy, High Court of Eswatini, the New Mall, and Eswatini Sugar Association, and (in Manzini) Lihaga, Estel House, The Hub, and Mavuso Sports Centre. And now the company adds the almost completed Hilton Inn and

the International Conference Centre in Ezulwini.

Construction Associates was formerly owned by Lonro, a company of London origin. Lonro established its business in Eswatini in 1977 and since then the company has grown into the giant organisation it is today. Lonro specialised in building works that included the construction of schools, bridges, and water treatment plants, to name a few.

Asked what sets Construction Association apart from other construction companies, Estimation Director xxx Dlamini said simply "it is our product, what we offer, and we are

proud of it. Construction Association offers a quality product tied with timeous delivery and that is what we boast about as a company. Most of the buildings that we have erected over the years are still standing and we have not received any complaints from our clients".

This commitment to quality and resilience have seen to the company's survival even through tough economic times while other companies have been forced to close shop.

Dlamini noted that Construction Associates has been able to weather economic storms through diversifying its portfolio and not rely-

ing on government for business.

"At Construction Associates we do not put all of our eggs in one basket. We do not heavily rely on government projects only for our growth. We also focus, to a large extent, on the business we receive from the private sector, which from time to time comes in as a valuable substitute and they usually approach us with readily available finance as opposed to the lengthy processes of payment from government. This is fundamentally what has kept Construction Associates afloat when many others sank," he said.

Dlamini emphasised that no job was too small

## CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATES NOT FAZED BY ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

**D**espite the current unfavourable economic situation which has seen government plunging into a financial crisis and projections of sluggish growth in the private sector, Construction Associates is more than ready to prove its mettle in the industry.

Estimation Director xxx Dlamini acknowledges that the construction industry is highly volatile, mainly because the sector is extremely sensitive to any slight changes in the economy.

"In our projections, the activities within the industry these days seem to be taking a dive. However, this comes after a big boom over the past two years. For instance, in 2016 and 2017 Construction Associates was busy working on big projects, key ones being the Hilton Inn in Mbabane and the International Conference Centre (ICC) in Ezulwini," he said.

However, Dlamini said forecasts



point to a dive in the sector, which he noted was part of the nature of the industry. Adding, the estimation director said the current unfavourable economic challenges faced by the Kingdom would also impact negatively on the industry's activities.

"If our Government has financial problems, it becomes difficult for investors to invest in infrastructure development, which is why Government is encouraging public-private partnerships to ensure that whilst the situation on the economy is negative, the con-

struction of economically viable projects does not get affected," he added.

Dlamini said Construction Associates has been part of some of these public-private partnership procurement processes in the last six months, however, he said none

of these had taken off so far. Adding, he said the challenges posed by the current economic environment makes the competition stiffer for big companies that are keen on quality and employ a sizeable number of people.

"Similar to any other sector, business in this industry is always up and down. The building construction industry is highly volatile. If the economy is performing positively, the construction industry blossoms but if economic performance is low, the construction industry is always first to respond," explained the estimation director.

He cited 2007/8 when South Africa experienced an economic boom emanating from the World Cup, while on the other hand the market in Eswatini dwindled and as a result most businesses left for the neighbouring country to take advantage of the opportunities that were available there.

Dlamini said during the economic meltdown the construction industry was the first to "feel the pinch mainly because the construction of assets like residential houses or just mere buildings seemed like a luxury that people could not afford. Therefore, if the economic performance of a country is not at its best, it means that people do not have the funds to finance infrastructure development projects".

Adding, the estimation director said on another level, poor economic performance translates to an inability by government to prioritise on infrastructure projects, but instead, the focus then shifts to other focal areas that suffer the effects of the meltdown like health and the provision of food for the marginalised, to name a few.

## CIC MUST ADDRESS ISSUES OF UNFAIR COMPETITION

**W**hile Construction Associates is confident of its position in the industry and embraces competition, the company feels the categorisation of other industry players needs to be addressed by the regulator.

"Competition in the construction industry has been escalating as more companies are being established. Construction Associates finds absolutely nothing wrong with the increasing number of competing companies, however, the challenges is in the categorising of these companies by the Construction Industry Council," said Estimation Director xxx Dlamini. The Construction Industry Council (CIC)

is the regulatory body of the construction industry. Explaining, Dlamini said the categorisation system tends to wrongly group competing companies without taking into consideration their sizes.

"This promotes unfair competition because a company with a broad structure and employs a sizeable number of people cannot be placed at par with a company that is being managed and run by one individual who plays different roles and only hires as an when a project arises," he said.

Dlamini said to improve the sector, the Construction Industry Council needs to revise the manner in which it categorises industry players to ensure that small and new entrants

do not just find themselves in a category where the majority of industry players in that category were big companies.

### Grow

"Smaller companies or new entrants could be assigned to a category where they can aspire to grow and end up being in the top categories. At the moment new entrants find themselves in the highest category and this leads to reduced motivation to grow. If this could be resolved, then the competition would be fair and equal at all levels," he said.

In addition, Dlamini said there should be thorough screening of new entrants into the market. He said this would help eliminate applicants who do not qualify to carry out projects

within the industry. He said if such screening measures were not implemented, it could result in standards in the industry dropping because of players who lacked understanding of what the job entails and the challenges that come with the industry.

"The Construction Industry Council has to step up and monitor professionals who run away with clients' monies. The Council should conduct thorough background checks of the construction consultants and ensure that companies have professional quantity surveyors, project managers and all suitably qualified people to avoid under-budgeting. The current under-budgeting problems that we observe today are a result of quantity surveyors relying on outdated information on the industry to carry out current jobs," added the estimation director.





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## ● Construction Associates started its business with focus being on the construction of school buildings.

for the company. He said even though the projects commissioned by the private sector were sometimes small, they added value to Construction Associates' business hence the company welcomed and appreciated these projects.

Recalling, he said "one year when the economy was not performing well, I remember the company surviving through the construction of ATM (auto-teller machine) spaces. As small as those structures are, that business became a major boost for Construction Associates".

The estimation director noted that the construction industry had seen a lot of companies

flooding the market over the years. He said Construction Associates was not deterred by the increasing competitiveness of the industry as operating in an ever-increasing industry such as construction comes with thoroughly understanding the business and the art of building.

"We have made Construction Associates stand out by paying attention to small but very key things.

or instance, like many other companies, we do not rely on foreigners to do our work, we train eSwatini to deliver quality jobs.

Having trained them, we then flood the indus-

try with our people, whose skills we have sharpened and are confident that they will deliver up-to-standard jobs.

We have a way of training our people to produce according to standard, leaving our clients satisfied and happy," added Dlamini.

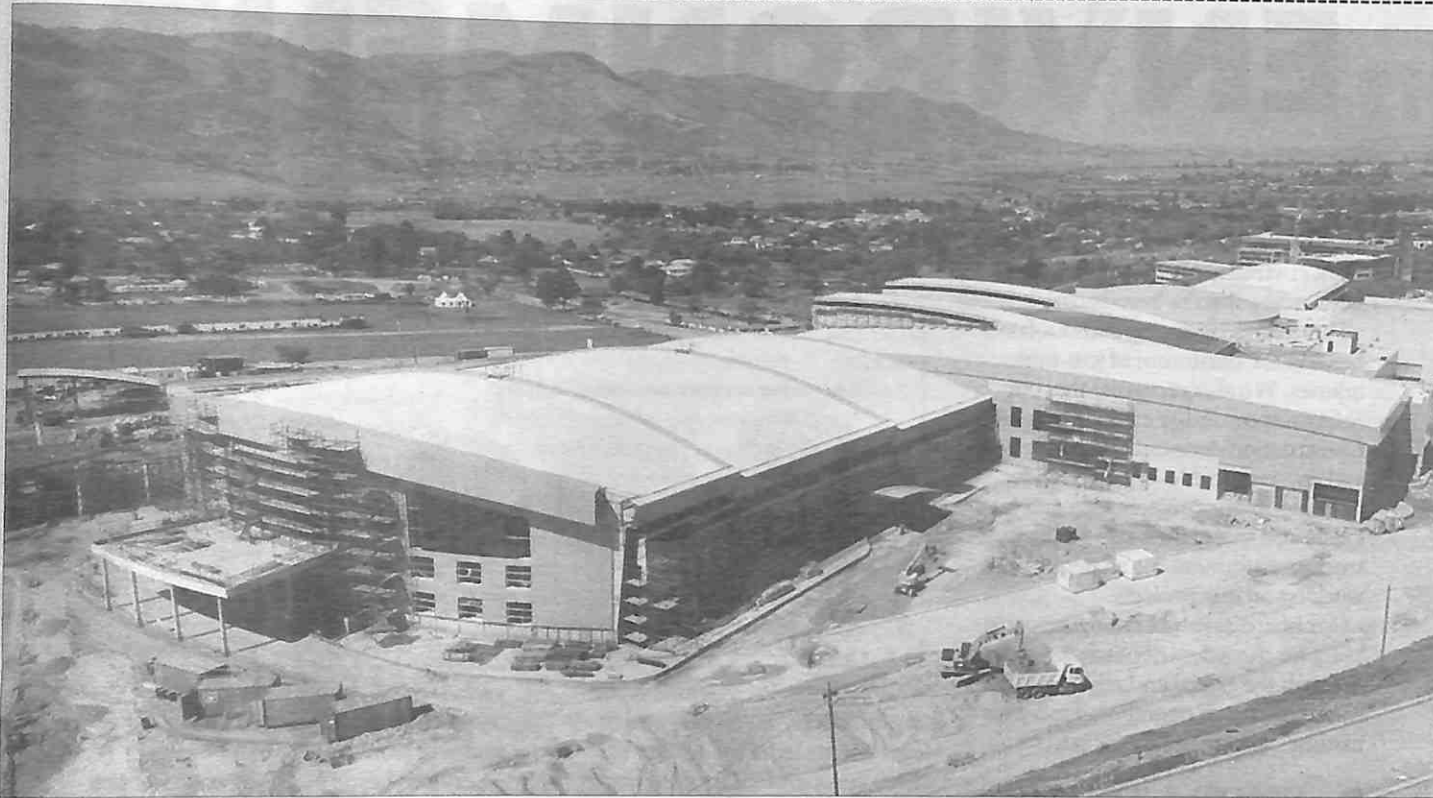
Construction Associates started its business with focus being on the construction of school buildings.

The first school built by the company was Kuphakameni High School in 1971. However, as the workload increased over the years, Construction Associates embraced the growth

and positioned itself appropriately to better carry out any project scored.

"Positioning ourselves appropriately meant being fearless, which included getting on board more personnel to handle the various tasks that came with each project we secured. These skills ranged from artisans to management. Also, over the years we have mastered the art of assigning tasks to suitable and qualified candidates instead of inundating one person with many tasks in the name of cost-cutting," said the estimation director.

"At Construction Associates, we give responsibilities to our employees whom we trust to do the job with confidence. In that way the business grows and so does the sense of responsibility, accountability and pride in our employees."



### SOME MAJOR PROJECTS DELIVERED BY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATES

#### Mbabane:

Republic of China on Taiwan Embassy Offices  
Eswatini Post and Telecommunications Corporation  
Headquarters  
The High Court of Eswatini  
Home Affairs Building  
Tourism Building  
The New Mall  
Eswatini Sugar Association Building  
Asakhe House  
Mbabane Motors Building  
Leites Building  
Eswatini Electricity Company Headquarters  
Mbabane Government Hospital (Extension of Public Health)  
Maternity Ward

#### Manzini:

Liqhaga Building  
Liqhaga flats Building  
Estel House  
SNAT Co-op Building  
Eswatini National Provident Fund Headquarters  
Upgrade  
The Hub  
Mavuso Sports Centre  
Carson Wheels Moneni

#### Matsapha:

Factory Building - Water Treatment Plant  
Factory Building - Tuntex  
Cadbury  
Matsapha Police Station  
Conco (big extension)  
Swaziland Beverages (major works done)

#### Big Bend:

Ubombo Sugar factory  
Couple of buildings at Royal Swaziland Sugar Corporation

#### Mankayane:

Mankayane Hospital  
Ubombo Hospital  
Mkhuzweni Maternity

#### Nhlangano:

Zheng Yong Textile Factory

#### Hlathikulu:

Paper Factory



## CAREFUL TENDER SELECTION IS KEY FOR SURVIVAL

Not every advertised project is as lucrative as it may seem on paper, hence it is important to scrutinise every opportunity before considering it.

Construction Associates Estimation Director xxx Dlamini says the company makes it a point that due diligence is done for any advertised tender before it can be considered. "One of the factors we look for are the risks attached to that tender and whether or not the tendering company has the capacity to finance the project," he said.

Also considered, Dlamini said, was the consultancy team involved in the project.

He said this was key because the construction company needs to get an idea of who they would be working closely with on the project. Furthermore, he said it was

also important to consider the geographical location of the project, as this determines whether the company has the suitable resources to carry out a perfect job in that particular area.

"Most importantly, Construction Associates takes into consideration the projects the company is carrying out at that moment.

This helps to determine if we have suitably skilled personnel available to carry out the job accordingly. It also ensures that the company does not find itself overstretched, thereby compromising the quality of the service delivered," he observed.

When it comes to costing a project, Dlamini said pricing is influenced by a variety of factors including the costs of labour, material, overheads and equipment that would be used in the project. He however acknowledged that pricing in the construction industry

was very tricky.

"Sometimes a company sets up its prices only to keep itself in the business. However, sometimes the pricing is not done for profit, the situation always determines the overall pricing strategy," he said, adding that a major influencer of the pricing system was the state of the economy, which results in some competitors pricing ridiculously low for a job.

#### Companies

"Such a move by some industry players unfortunately leads to failure in the long-run as these companies might not be able to complete the project due to lack of resources to procure the necessary material."

Dlamini said the challenges encountered during pricing includes mainly situations whereby information meant to guide the pricing process is ambiguous, inadequate or the company is given a very short time

to prepare all the necessary documents for a tender.

He said despite the challenges though, Construction Associates always comes up with ways to counter the situation. The estimation director said the company uses qualified, experienced and polished skills to fill up any information gaps in a tender. He said through past experiences, the company was able to include the necessary factors which may have been erroneously left out but may be key in the project.

"This ability by Construction Associates helps the client avoid circumstances where a company tenders and somewhere along the project they realise that their pricing was too low and they can no longer afford to financially source all the material which, even though not quoted in the tender, were inevitably a requirement for completion of the project," he explained.





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**A**s an organisation, we have embraced the importance of protecting the environment and have made sustainable development one of our overall strategic goals.

We strive to achieve this goal in four key operational ways:

1. Being transparent about our environmental management.
2. Maintaining an environmental management system.
3. Minimising our construction footprint by adhering to all legislative requirements.
4. Improving awareness throughout the organisation.

## SHERQ/QUALITY

### Continuous Improvement & Customer Satisfaction

Continuous improvement at Construction Associates has become our way of doing business. One of the key strategies for all our business units, is to constantly improve the way in which contracts are executed.

We have systems, procedures and processes in all our businesses to support our aim of total customer satisfaction and continuous improvement.

### Quality & Performance Excellence

Quality is important to our business and we value our clients and stakeholders. We strive to provide our clients and the markets that we serve with products and services which meet and exceed their expectations. Our goal is to achieve operational excellence in all aspects of our operations.

## SHERQ/SAFETY

Construction Associates achieved four platinum stars during the 2014 NOSA 5 Star Audit. We achieved over 1 million Lost Time Injury Free Hours in the months of October and November 2014. Construction

# SHERQ/ ENVIRONMENT

Associates believes every employee has the right to a healthy and safe working environment. We strive for a work environment that emphasises safety and achieves 'zero harm'.

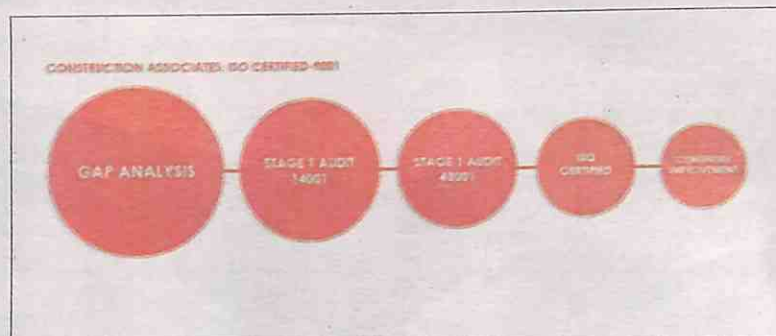
This means operating without fatalities and the minimum of lost-time injuries. We also recognise that our Safety responsibility extends beyond Construction Associates employees and encompasses every stakeholder involved in our projects. Our aim is to create and maintain a safe, healthy work environment for all personnel working on our projects.

Our board assumes overall responsibility for the safety of our stakeholders through the Social and ethics committee and each operational manager assumes responsibility for safety.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

Construction Associates runs a comprehensive Wellness Programme to maintain a healthy, fulfilled and productive workforce. Holistic education sessions target all employees and provide insights into aspects such as physical, spiritual, environmental, emotional and mental well-being. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, bipolar mood disorder, conflict management, sexually transmitted illnesses, HIV and AIDS, diabetes, nutrition and malaria awareness.

- Construction Associates believes every employee has the right to a healthy and safe working environment.



The Wellness Programme is running effectively on all sites and in all departments in all the countries where we operate. This has been made possible through the efforts of our Group Focal Person, Phindile Nhlabatsi, as well as the Wellness Assistants and peer educators in each of our subsidiaries. In addition, we often employ the services of external agencies.

For example, in Zambia, experts from the Ministry of Health, New Start, and USAID were involved. Much of the information about HIV/AIDS is conveyed through leaflets, drama, talk shows and workshops. We provide testing and clinical ser-

vices free of charge to employees using mobile clinics which visit sites and workstations.

Services being accessed include testing for HIV, blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol and screening for tuberculosis.

Condom utilization has played a remarkable role in reducing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS. Condoms have been placed in strategic points, such as in toilets, for convenience. Education on the use of condoms, HIV transmission, and STIs has been included.





# World News

## 20 dead as limo headed to birthday celebration crashes

**NEW YORK** - A limousine carrying four sisters, other relatives and friends to a birthday celebration blew through a stop sign and slammed into a parked SUV outside a store in upstate New York, killing all 18 people in the limo and two pedestrians, officials and victims' relatives said on Sunday.

The weekend crash was characterised by authorities as the deadliest US transportation accident in nearly a decade. The crash turned



a relaxed Saturday afternoon to horror at a rural spot popular with tourists viewing the region's fall

foliage. Relatives said the limousine was carrying the sisters and their friends to a 30th birthday celebration for the youngest.

"They were wonderful girls," said their aunt, Barbara Douglas, speaking with reporters on Sunday. "They'd do anything for you and they were very close to each other and they loved their family." Douglas said three of the sisters were with their husbands, and she identified them as Amy and Axel Steenburg, Abigail and Adam Jackson, Mary and Rob Dyson and Allison King.

AP

## Interpol president who vanished in China accused of bribery

**BEIJING** - The former president of Interpol, who has been reported missing while on a visit to his native China, is being investigated for bribery and other crimes, Beijing announced.

Meng Hongwei, who only resigned as head of Interpol yesterday, vanished after sending his wife a WhatsApp message with a knife emoji two weeks ago.

Beijing said Meng, who is also China's vice minister for public security, is being investigated due to his own 'wilfulness and for bringing trouble upon himself', but remained tight-lipped regarding his whereabouts.

The revelation that China's system of shady and often-arbitrary detentions could ensnare even a senior public security official with international stature has cast a shadow over the image Beijing has sought to cultivate in recent years as a modern country with the rule of law.

The Chinese Ministry of Public Security released a statement yesterday, saying the investigation is a result of Meng's 'insistence of doing things his own way' and he 'only has himself to blame'.

They said the investigation into Meng's suspected acceptance of bribery and violation of law was 'very timely, completely correct and very wise' and 'fully demonstrates that anyone who violates the law must be severely prosecuted and severely punished'.

Meng's unexplained disappearance in China late last month had prompted both the French government and Interpol to make their concerns for his wellbeing known publicly, which put pressure on Beijing.

Daily Mail

## DEATH TOLL FROM INDONESIA QUAKE NEARS 2 000

**INDONESIA** - Nearly 2 000 bodies have been recovered from Palu since an earthquake and tsunami struck the Indonesian city, an official said yesterday, warning the number would rise with thousands still missing.

The death toll from the twin disaster on Sulawesi island that erased whole suburbs in Palu has reached 1 944, said local military spokesperson M Thohir.

"That number is expected to rise, because we have not received orders to halt the search for bod-

ies," Thohir, who is also a member of the government's official Palu quake taskforce, told AFP yesterday.

### Missing

Authorities have said as many as 5 000 are believed missing in two hard-hit areas since the September 28 disaster - indicating far more may have perished than the current toll.

Hopes of finding anyone alive have faded and the search for survivors amid the wreckage has turned to gathering and accounting for the dead.

The disaster agency said the official search for the unaccounted would continue until October 11 at which point they would be listed as missing, presumed dead.

The government has said it will declare those communities flattened in Palu as mass graves and leave them untouched.

Gopal, whose aunt and uncle are missing, picked through wreckage on Monday knowing just days were left to find his loved ones.

AFP



**RISING:** More bodies found as death toll from Indonesia quake nears 2,000

## Divided Brazil barrels towards uncertain presidential run-off

**RIO** - Bolsonaro easily beat a dozen other candidates on Sunday, but not by enough to avoid an October 28 showdown with Haddad.

A deeply polarised Brazil stood at a political crossroads yesterday as the bruising first round of the presidential election left voters with a stark choice in the run-off between far-right firebrand Jair Bolsonaro and leftist Fernando Haddad.

Bolsonaro, an ultraconservative former paratrooper, easily beat a dozen other candidates on Sunday — but not by enough to avoid an October 28 showdown with Haddad, the former mayor of Sao Paulo.

Bolsonaro won 46 per cent of the vote to Haddad's 29 per cent, according to official results.

That tracked closely with pollster's predictions, but Bolsonaro charged that "polling problems" had cheated him of outright vic-

tory in the first round, which required him to pass the 50 per cent threshold.

Some of his supporters protested outside the national electoral tribunal in the capital Brasilia, chanting "Fraud!"

That anger reflected the uncertain outlook for the second round.

Surveys suggest Bolsonaro will have the edge, but that Haddad will draw nearly even with him after picking up substantial sup-

port from the defeated candidates.

"We expected to win in the first round," one Bolsonaro voter, 77-year-old retiree Lourdes Azevedo, said bitterly in Rio de Janeiro.

"Now things are more difficult: the second round is a risk."

'Golden opportunity'

Haddad, addressing his own supporters, called the looming run-off "a golden opportunity," and challenged Bolsonaro to a debate.

AFP

## BRIEFS

### Police pump lake dry looking for woman

**BERLIN** - Police in northern Germany have started to pump dry a lake hoping they'll find the remains of a woman who disappeared 27 years ago. The German news agency dpa reported on Sunday that emptying Tietjensee Lake near the city of Bremen would take several days. After that, investigators will look through the muddy lakebed for evidence. Jutta Fuchs, a young German mother, disappeared in 1993.

AP

### Kim, Pompeo agree to US-North Korea summit

**WASHINGTON** - North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has agreed to hold a second summit with US President Donald Trump as soon as possible, Seoul said on Sunday. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said "he agreed with Chairman Kim to hold the second US-North Korea summit at the earliest date possible," South Korea's presidential office said in a statement.

The two sides agreed to "continue talks to decide on the specific time and location for the second summit", Pompeo told South Korean President Moon Jae-in, following his meeting with Kim in Pyongyang.

AFP

### Oil spill feared after ships collide

**PARIS** - French maritime authorities are trying to contain an apparent oil spill after two merchant ships collided in the Mediterranean Sea north of Corsica. A spokesperson for the regional French maritime authority said no one was injured in Sunday's collision, and the size and exact nature of the spill remain unclear. Two French ships were sent to the area and specialists were helicoptered in. The Italian coast guard also sent an aircraft to monitor the operation and three ships to help contain the spill. The French spokesperson says a lack of wind gives authorities hope the spill can be contained quickly. He was not authorised to be publicly named.

AP

### Armored vehicles sent to foreign soil

**TOKYO** - A small contingent of Japanese troops and armoured vehicles engaged in military exercises with the US and the Philippines in the Philippines on Saturday, assisting in a humanitarian role during an amphibious exercise simulating recapturing territory from a terrorist group. A total of about 150 troops took part in the landing on Saturday. Fifty Japanese troops, unarmed and in camouflage, followed four of their armoured vehicles ashore, moving over beach and brushland while picking up Filipino and US troops playing wounded.

News24

### Wife of PM goes on trial for fraud

**JERUSALEM** - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's wife, Sara, appeared in court on Sunday for the first hearing in the fraud trial against her, in which she is alleged to have misused state funds in ordering catered meals. According to the indictment, Sara Netanyahu, along with a government employee, fraudulently obtained from the state more than \$100,000 for hundreds of meals supplied by restaurants, bypassing regulations that prohibit the practice if a cook is employed at home. Netanyahu denies any wrongdoing.

Reuters



# Focus on SA scene

## Zulu king wants guarantee that Trust will be untouched in land reform

**DURBAN - Land belonging to the Zulu nation will not be expropriated by the national government, Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini told thousands of people attending the annual Shaka Day celebration in Durban on Sunday.**

Using his annual speech at the event - which marks the death of the Zulu nation's most famous leader Shaka - Zwelithini demanded that President Cyril Ramaphosa not only visit him

again but give guarantees that the Ingonyama Trust would not be targeted in the country's much-debated land reform programme.

Ramaphosa's previous visit in June caused a stir when he was accused of kneeling before the king at the official palace in Nongoma in Northern KwaZulu-Natal. Ramaphosa later explained he was merely bending down to show the king a book on cattle.

Zwelithini has been particularly vocal

about the nation-wide debate on whether or not to change the Constitution to allow the state unfettered power to expropriate land without compensating the owner. His anger stems from recommendations made in a report called the 'High-level panel on the assessment of key legislation and the acceleration of fundamental change,' chaired by former president Kgalema Motlanthe and released in November last year.

In the report, it was stated the Ingonyama Trust was likely unconstitutional and its existence should be reviewed in any land reform debate. It also questioned why the trust provided few services to those occupying the land, yet it generated in excess of R96 million from rentals. The trust owns about 29.67 per cent of mostly deep rural land in KwaZulu-Natal, which covers an area of 94 361km<sup>2</sup>. While Zwelithini is the sole trustee of the land it is divided

according to clans and overseen by traditional leaders.

Speaking in isiZulu as he addressed the crowd at Moses Mabhida Stadium, Zwelithini said Ramaphosa "must come down to KwaZulu-Natal with something in black and white to assure all the Zulus that their land will not be touched". The Shaka Day celebration was expected to be held on September 24, but was postponed after the sudden death of Zwelithini's son Butho Zulu. Butho was the son of Zwelithini's second wife queen Buhle kaMathe. Shaka Day is the presumed date of Shaka's death in 1828. *ANA*

## NHLANHLA NENE ASKS RAMAPHOSA TO FIRE HIM AS FINANCE MINISTER

**CAPE TOWN - Nhlanelhla Nene has reportedly asked President Cyril Ramaphosa to be let go as the minister of finance.**

This comes after mounting pressure from a number of political parties over his testimony at the commission of inquiry into state capture, according to a report by Business Day.

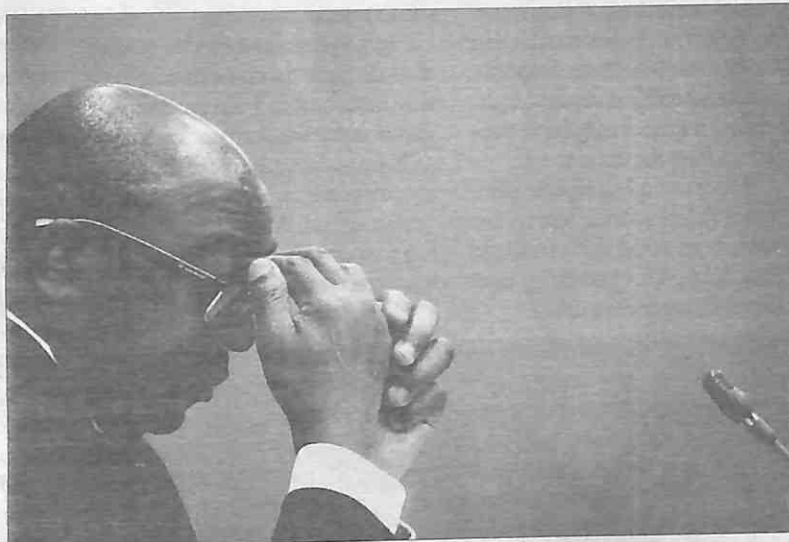
Nene admitted last week that he attended a number of meetings with the controversial Gupta family at their Saxonworld home and businesses in Midrand.

The minister then issued an apology to the South African people for his failure to disclose the information. Nene has been under enormous pressure to resign.

Factions within the ANC have been discussing potential replacements that they could suggest to President Cyril Ramaphosa, three senior party officials said, asking not to be identified because the information has not been made public.

Former deputy finance minister Mcebisi Jonas is considered a front-runner, along with South African Reserve Bank Governor Lesetja Kganyago and one of his deputies, Daniel Mminele, the party officials said.

Barbara Creecy, Head of the finance



**MY TIME IS UP: Finance Minister Nhlanelhla Nene has reportedly asked President Cyril Ramaphosa to release him from his duties.**

portfolio in the Gauteng province, has been also been touted as a candidate, according to the officials.

### Fired

Nene, who was fired as finance minister by Zuma in December 2015, was reappointed to the position by Ramaphosa in February and has been tasked with turning around an economy that fell into recession in the second quarter.

He told the Commission of Inquiry

into State Capture last week about the meetings with the Guptas after previously having said he had only met the three brothers on social occasions, prompting opposition parties to call for him to step down.

He also told the commission that he was fired by Zuma because he refused to sign a multi-billion nuclear power pact with Russia that would have crippled South Africa's finances.

*Business Report Online/Bloomberg*

## 4 dead, 13 injured in N3 collision between SUV and taxi

**JOHANNESBURG - Four people died while 13 others were injured in a minibus taxi crash on the N3 in Spruitview, according to Ekurhuleni emergency medical services spokesperson William Ntladi.**

"Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on the N3 highway opposite Spruitview. Upon arrival we found that a minibus had collided with an SUV," Ntladi told News24 yesterday morning.

Four out of the 15 passengers in the minibus were declared dead on the scene.

"Thirteen passengers, both dri-

vers inclusive, have been transported to various hospitals in the City of Ekurhuleni for medical care," Ntladi added.

The cause of the fatal crash is yet to be determined.

The N3 has since been closed, and commuters have been urged to find an alternative route.

Law enforcement agencies are currently on the scene investigating. "It might take an additional 30 minutes from now before we can open up the route again as we are still cleaning up the site," Ntladi said.

*News24*

## Pravin Gordhan gives ex-ministers cause to quake at state capture inquiry

**JOHANNESBURG - Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan will draw former Cabinet colleagues Lynne Brown and Ben Martins into the state-capture matrix when he tells the Zondo commission on Friday how they tried to push the government into mega-deals that were ultimately blocked by the National Treasury.**

Gordhan will also testify that in 2013, during his first term as finance minister, for-

mer president Jacob Zuma made it clear to him that the nuclear deal had to go ahead.

Gordhan will be the second serving cabinet minister to give evidence at the inquiry after Finance Minister Nhlanelhla Nene's dramatic testimony last Wednesday when he admitted meeting the Guptas seven times.

Gordhan's evidence will be preceded tomorrow by that of former public enterprises minister Barbara Hogan.

Gordhan has been asked by the commission to give evidence about his dismissal in March 2017, when he and his deputy Mcebisi Jonas were removed from the finance ministry in a midnight reshuffle.

Gordhan will inform Judge Raymond Zondo about the issues that caused a breakdown in his relationship with Zuma and hostility towards the Treasury, according to members of his team.

*Times Live*

## We had to back Jacob Zuma - ANCYL's Njabulo Nzuza

**JOHANNESBURG - The outgoing Secretary-General of the ANC Youth League, Njabulo Nzuza, says the body has no regrets about its loyal support for former president Jacob Zuma.**

In an interview this week, Nzuza, who is due to step down later this year at the league's national congress, said league

leaders were ready to defend President Cyril Ramaphosa in the same way they did Zuma because the aim of those attacking ANC presidents is to damage the party.

Nzuza claimed their stubborn support of Zuma, which in part saw the ANCYL lose influence, was informed by a decline of the ANC at the polls. "The president

was being attacked, it was a direct attack on the ANC, ours was to safeguard the ANC, that is why we went all out to defend the president - we will also defend Cyril. "The intention was to isolate president Zuma but the ultimate prize was to damage the ANC." *Times Live*

**IMPLICATED: Former South African president Jacob Zuma.**





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## BRIEFS

## Central Bank to reduce MTN demand

**ABUJA** - The Nigerian Central Bank may reduce the amount it has ordered SA telecoms firm MTN to repatriate as part of an ongoing disagreement, Central Bank Governor Godwin Emefiele said. MTN and the central bank are in a dispute over the transfer of \$8.1bn of funds which the bank said the company had sent abroad in breach of foreign-exchange regulations. Nigeria accounts for a third of MTN's annual core profit.

AFP

## Judge slaps travel ban on rights lawyer

**CAIRO** - An Egyptian judge has slapped a travel ban on a former presidential candidate and rights lawyer over an ongoing investigation into funding for civil society groups. Investigating Judge Hisham Abdel Meguid issued the ban on Saturday, the latest in a series of similar steps targeting rights lawyers critical of the government of general-turned-president Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, which has placed draconian restrictions on the work of rights and pro-democracy groups.

AP

## Court orders critic be released on bail

**RWANDA** - A Rwandan court ordered the release on bail of a vocal critic of President Paul Kagame who was barred from running against him in an election last year. A High Court judge said in the ruling that Diane Rwigara and her mother, who was arrested along with her last year, would be released immediately but that they were not allowed to leave the capital Kigali "without authorisation".

AFP

## Plane impounded as man sues for \$1m

**WINDHOEK** - A Zimbabwean man is trying to sue Air Namibia for \$1m after airline officials allegedly barred him and his family from travelling to Turkey.

The pending court action saw an Air Namibia plane impounded in Harare last Friday, disrupting travel plans for dozens of Windhoek-bound passengers. Harare High Court Judge Tawanda Chitapi authorised the sheriff of the court to attach Air Namibia's property, including planes, pending the finalisation of the case in which Zimbabwean family man Chenjerai Mawumba is suing the airline for "pain, suffering and trauma".

News24

## One dead, two flee as migrant boat sink

**TUNIS** - A boat carrying migrants trying to reach Italy from Tunisia capsized overnight, killing one person, a security source in the north African country said. The makeshift vessel transporting the young Tunisians from Zarzis, in the south of the country, had been at sea for about 21 hours, said a source in the local security services. It overturned near the Tunisian island of Djerba at around 03:00, and soon after fishermen raised the alarm and the National Guard intervened, the Guard's spokesman Houssemeddine Jebabli said. The body of one migrant was recovered, seven were rescued, and two other people fled, he said, adding they were suspected of being the boat's captain and the person who organised the crossing. While their number has decreased, many Tunisians still risk their lives by trying to cross the Mediterranean to reach Italy in search of work or a better life.

AFP



## Illegal miners try their luck in Mozambique ruby rush

**MAPUTO** - Deep inside a forest, sweating men haul earth out of rough excavation holes and carry it in bags on their backs to a stream.

Then they sift for the small, red stones that could make their fortune - miners say they have sold single rubies for thousands of dollars, many times the local monthly wage which is typically under \$200.

In northern Mozambique, informal - and illegal - ruby mining is a tough business that has attract-

ed thousands of itinerant workers despite strenuous crackdowns by police and private guards.

## Accessible

The ruby deposits, which were discovered only nine years ago, are relatively accessible in shallow ground, triggering the sudden birth of a frantic wildcat mining industry.

Mozambique now accounts for 80 per cent of global ruby production - but the illegal mining is a far cry from the giant mining companies and the chic auction

houses in Singapore where millions of dollars of gems are sold.

"I'm here because of poverty," Faque Almeida, 46, who has spent much of the last eight years in the forests of Montepuez in search of the blood-red gemstones, told AFP.

He said he left his home province of Nampula, 400km south, unaware that it was illegal to look for rubies in Montepuez district after the government sold the rights to a large mining company.

"I was unemployed. When I left my home, I thought that breaking

into the owner's door is a crime, but I did not know that digging the land is also a crime," said Almeida.

"Last year I was arrested, I stayed in jail for 14 days.

I was released when my family paid 14 000 meticaes (\$240) to the police," he said, holding a pickaxe in one hand.

Montepuez Ruby Mining (MRM), a subsidiary of London-based Gemfields, won the mining rights to 36 000 hectares of ruby-rich land in Mozambique in 2011.

News24



**WANTED:** Bona Mugabe and her husband Simba Chikore who is wanted by the police.

## MUGABE'S SON-IN-LAW 'WANTED BY POLICE'

**HARARE** - Former Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe's son-in-law is wanted by police on allegations he detained a senior airline company official against her will, a newspaper reported.

Simba Chikore allegedly had Zimbabwe Airways Legal Head Bertha Zakeyo detained for two hours at the airline's offices in June.

One of Chikore's alleged accomplices, security guard Simbarashe Mutimbe appeared

at the Harare Magistrate's Court on Saturday. He was granted bail of \$30, reports The Standard.

The guard is alleged to have "unlawfully deprived Zakeyo of her freedom", the paper said. It added: "According to the prosecutors, Chikore is still at large".

'Unsanctioned meetings' In June, Chikore is alleged to have written to Zakeyo, ordering her dismissal for holding unsanctioned meetings and leaking company

secrets. Zakeyo was allegedly detained at her office for two hours by security guards and denied access to her lawyer, the private Daily News reported at the time.

Chikore, who is married to Mugabe's daughter Bona, was last seen in public at the inauguration of President Emmerson Mnangagwa in August. The couple attended the ceremony in place of Mugabe and former first lady Grace, who were both unwell.

News24

## Abubakar wins primary to challenge for presidency

**ABUJA** - Former vice president Atiku Abubakar will challenge incumbent Muhammadu Buhari for the Nigerian presidency early next year after winning the opposition Democratic Peoples Party primary, an AFP reporter at the vote said on Sunday.

Abubakar, 71, won 1 532 votes, trouncing his main rival Aminu Tambuwal, the governor of northern Sokoto state

who scored 693 votes at the party's convention in the south-eastern oil hub of Port Harcourt.

"Thank you for choosing me," Abubakar said on Twitter. "It's a victory for all of us."

## Results

The task to get Nigeria working again starts now," he wrote, even before final results were in.

Twelve candidates were in the running for the DPP nomination, decided in the week-

end primary by some 3 000 party delegates.

Abubakar has already run for the presidency four times. He has amassed a huge fortune in the import-export business, as well as oil, agriculture and telecommunications.

Nigerians will elect governors and lawmakers as well as the president in elections set for February and March next year.

AP

## Nigeria's Buhari to face political heavy-weight opponent in re-election bid

**ABUJA** - Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari will run for re-election in February 2019 against former vice president Atiku Abubakar, a Muslim from the country's north who was nominated on Sunday as the main opposition party's poll contender.

Buhari, a 75-year-old former military ruler, was the sole candidate for his ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) party, so his confirmation by some 7 000 delegates gathered in the capital Abuja was a mere formality on Saturday.

The APC swept to power in 2015 with the first opposition victory at the ballot box in the country's history.

But next year's presidential race appears to have tightened in recent months with the APC hit by a wave of defections over Buhari's leadership style.

On Sunday, delegates to a weekend convention of the former ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), nominated Abubakar, 71, as his challenger for next years poll.

The politician and business tycoon has made four previous attempts at the top job in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation.

Abubakar comes from the Muslim-majority north, and his nomination follows an unwritten rule in Nigeria that the presidency should alternate every two terms between a candidate from the north and south. **AFP**



**TOUGH OPPOSITION:** Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari.





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# ENCAC DISOWNS ACASWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Stories by Ayanda Dlamini

**THE mother body of music and arts associations in the country ENCAC has denounced existence of an ACASWA executive.**

ENCAC stands for Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture whilst ACASWA stands for the Association of Christian Artists in Swaziland.

Following the court order issued to ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini to not dare interfere with affairs of the ACASWA, the CEO has stated that there is no ACASWA executive as they dissolved the committee led by Mzwakhe Myeni a month ago.

"We do not have an ACASWA executive as we speak. We dissolved the team led by Mzwakhe Myeni last month due to the corruption that was unfolding within the association. We wrote them a letter a month ago informing them to hand over ACASWA documents, equipment and any other related material.

"I was very surprised when I

- Association's executive was dissolved a month ago
- ACASWA members divided

received news that I have been ordered not to interfere in ACASWA affairs led by Mzwakhe Myeni. As far as I'm concerned, ACASWA does not have an executive committee. We removed them a month ago following the mischief that has been happening in the office since they were elected," said Dlamini.

According to the CEO of Arts and Culture, the ACASWA executive committee refused and neglected the responsibility to account and report on grants received for 2017.

"The committee has not paid annual subscriptions which were due in April. A lot has been happening since Mzwakhe took over. He had problems with everyone he was working with; from the treasurer of the association to the members," Dlamini added.

Last month, the ENCAC CEO, through a letter, announced the dismissal of the ACASWA executive committee.

It read; 'Following the several

engagements with ACASWA executive committee led by Mr. Mzwakhe Myeni on the maladministration in the national arts association, wherein the executive committee has refused and neglected the responsibility to account and report on grants received for 2017.(sic)

"Despite being granted reasonable time to correct and address the critical issues being raised by Council; the executive committee members have failed to meet its obligation of accounting for government allocation.

"The Council is compelled to remove

the executive committee from ACASWA office to further probe the issues surrounding the refusal or failure to account for grants received."



**TENSION: ENCAC CEO Stanley Dlamini and Mzwakhe Myeni.**

## ENCAC calls special meeting for ACASWA members

MEANWHILE, the Eswatini National Council of Arts and Culture has called a special meeting for ACASWA members on Saturday at Caritas in Manzini at 9am, wherein Council shall present its predicament to gospel artists in the kingdom.

In the meantime, the executive committee has been advised to hand over ACASWA documents, equipment and any other related material to the office of the CEO.

Such a hand over of the equipment and documents was supposed to be done before September 28.

## ACASWA MEMBERS DIVIDED

**A majority of the ACASWA members are not happy with the new committee that was elected last year.**

One of the gospel stars who asked to remain anonymous, said Mzwakhe was not supposed to be the president in the first place because he is not a trustworthy artist.

"I was expecting this. Myeni was not supposed to be elected in the first place. We know his history with this presidential seat. He just wants money. That's all. It is all about them not the gospel artists. The new committee is not doing what they are supposed to do as the leaders," said the gospel artist.

"In as much as I don't pay much attention to this association, Myeni is not the right candidate for the job. I pity the team he is working with because

you will find that they are innocent but there is nothing they can do," added another artist who preferred anonymity.

Whilst some artists feel as though someone is overstepping their mandate, others say ENCAC is exercising its right.

One musician stated that they were baffled as to how a person could dissolve what they had worked so hard for overnight.

"I feel the laws of the land must take charge; how can a person dissolve what we have worked so hard for? We work tirelessly for this association as its daily expenses are from our own pockets.

Then a person overnight dissolves our executive, no we can't allow that," said another artist.

## Mzwakhe calls AGM, again

**ACASWA President Mzwakhe Myeni is still calling the shots as he has again summoned artists to an AGM slated for October 21.**

This AGM follows the one that failed to take place last month, September 16 for reasons the president cited as 'national elections and the death of a former back-up singer'.

The upcoming AGM, according to Myeni, will have agenda items such as the presidential report, Siyewela Crossover, Ezomoya/ ACASWA show in Nhlalango, Trade Fair, Arts and Culture recognition, to name a few.

The agenda for this upcoming AGM is slightly different from the initial one as in this new agenda; the topic of members who resigned from the

association has been removed.

It is unclear as to why five members of an executive committee could all resign one after the other. When reached for comment, they all claimed there were personal reasons that led them to relinquish their duties in the executive. It is also worth noting that the association's secretary general, public relations officer and vice president were together when a reporter from this publication contacted them to confirm their being recalled to the office. The Secretary General Apostle Vusumuzi Maculule pleaded that the reporter confirms individually with each member that they had been summoned back, even though they were together. The purpose of that meeting could not be ascertained.

### Timeline of events:

- **September 13** – ACASWA artists petition their executive. Petition submitted to the ENCAC. All executive members already resigned.
- **September 18** – ACASWA President Mzwakhe Myeni recalls all resigned members back to office. They resume duties.
- **24 September** – ENCAC issues letter of removal of ACASWA executive committee from office and calls for meeting slated for October 13.
- **October 5** – ACASWA takes ENCAC to court.
- **October 8** – ENCAC refutes existence of ACASWA executive committee.
- **October 8** – ACASWA calls AGM slated for October 21.

## DJ TENDANESS TO HOST 'TENDAMIX NIGHT'

By Nokwanda Sibandze

**THE man behind the popular 'Jika' single featuring Lo and Bholoja, DJ Tendaness, will be hosting what will be called a**

**'Tendamix Night' on October 26.**

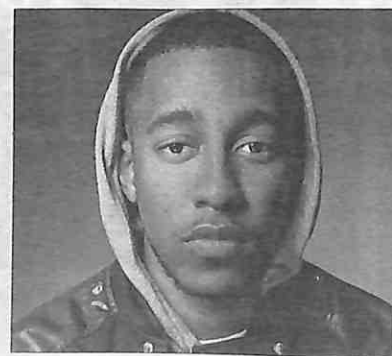
The 'Tendamix Night' will be held at Solani's Shisanyama and will see performances from Bholoja, Velemseni, Mkay, Ophis and Lu while Gazelle will be directing the proceedings of the night.

The spinner said there would also be a mixture of sounds so to cater for the different taste of revellers who will attend as they will be entertained by performances by rapper King Terry and RnB singer Mandisa Mamba.

Other DJs of the night will include Wakho and duo DJs Shephard Brothers.

Solani's resident DJs will also

**HOST: DJ Tendaness.**





# DJ TOS GRATEFUL FOR DURBAN **SWAZI PARTY** TURNOUT

By Nomfundo Sifundza

**BORN** in the Kingdom of Eswatini, hitting major strides in South Africa DJ TOS said he was grateful for the epic turnout of the Durban Swazi Party.

The founder of the party which has fallen into the books as one of the biggest annual events in Durban said the beauty of the Kingdom of Eswatini came out at the event held at Eyadini Lounge last Saturday.

The event staged the likes of Velemseni, Nomalungelo, Sands, MegaSound DJs, Proffessor, Danger and many more musicians from Durban and Eswatini. As he had promised before the event, the spinner made the fourth instalment of the event bigger and better. "I would like to thank all Emaswati for coming out in numbers to support, the beauty of the Kingdom really came out in this

event," he said. The spinner who is unapologetic about where he comes from pleaded for more support from the Kingdom and all who would like to partner with the Durban Swazi Party as it is an annual event and only gets bigger year after year.

"We need more support from our people and various departments who would like to partner next time to make this an even bigger success," the spinner urged.

DJ TOS shot to fame

after the popularity of his quality clothing merchandise TOS in 2015. Before then, the spinner had been winning competitions in South Africa as a young DJ up until he signed under Durban's biggest entertainment stable owned by DJ Tira; Afrotainment. Locally the spinner managed to again bag a nomination in the upcoming MTN SWAMA Awards; nominated in the 'Best Swati Artist Based in Diaspora' category.

**HOST: DJ TOS** on the decks doing what he knows best. This was during the Durban Swazi Party held at Eyadini Lounge last Saturday. (Pics; Shaun DeSouza Photography)



**PHENOMENON:** DJ Master P on the decks.



**MR TIGI:** Sands had the audience eating out the palm of his hand.



**DERANGO:** Big Nuz members L'vovo Derango and Danger thrilling fun lovers.



**CREME DE LA CREME:** Swazi artists, managers and SWAMA President strike a pose with the host DJ TOS.



**TEAM SWAZI:** Some of the locals that attended the show.

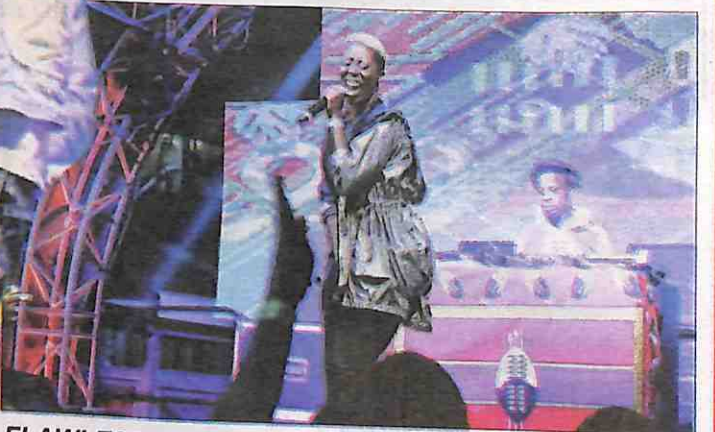


**REPRESENTING:** Ladies clad in TOS merchandise representing as they hoist the Swazi lihiya.

**FEELING IT:** Professor gestures during his performance.



**ALSO THERE:** Comedian Dr Shakes was also spotted there clad in a DJ MBO cap and MegaSound Picnic merchandise.



**FLAWLESS:** Velemseni singing her lungs out.



# MORE FROM AFRICA AD AGENCY GALA DINNER



**MAN OF THE MOMENT:** Africa AD Agency Director Lawrence Lukhele delivering his speech at the Charity Gala Dinner which was held at The George Hotel on Saturday night. (Pics: Ayanda Dlamini)



**ANGEL GABRIEL:** Comedian Giyani dressed as an angel during his set.



**SEXY:** Balindile Tfwala looked sexy at the dinner.



**REFRESHING:** MC of the night Siphesihle Nkwanyane looked beautiful in her timeless blue gown.



**GUESTS:** Some of the attendees of the gala dinner.



**JAMMING:** Attendees dancing to Ghetto Villa's music.



**PERFECT DUET:** Rapper NR having a light moment with the MC of the night.



**SUITED UP:** Bongi Dube swagged up for the night.

## Nothando Hlophe's diary

THE Swazi Observer has invited me to share with my fans and readers of the newspaper as I prepare for the launch of my sophomore project on October 13, which was recorded in Soweto in April.

I am excited by this opportunity, which I believe will help connect me with gospel music lovers while also giving an insight into what actually happens behind the scenes when we put together an event like this.

I wish to thank the Swazi Observer for this opportunity and now invite you to read on, and follow my updates on the preparations. Of course, I hope we see each other on the night of the show!

### Crazy Soweto

So, where do I even start? Perhaps let me start with the road to the recording of the album.

They say there's a thin line between bravery and stupidity, and I must admit that we really pushed the boundaries on this one.

How does a little known, upcoming musician from the Kingdom of Eswatini decide to host their solo recording in the heart of Soweto, where

they are lesser known?

My team was so confident it was the best thing to do in terms of access to the best facilities and equipment we needed to give us the quality we required for this production.

Building up to the day, four other big shows were confirmed in the area, either on the same date or within seven days of my confirmed date, not to mention that I would miss the NACA's 50/50.

Lebo Sekgobela confirmed her recording a week after mine at Rhema Bible Church in Randburg, Collen Maluleke confirmed his recording in Southgate on the same date as mine, Dumi Mkokstad confirmed his recording a week later in Durban, and visiting American gospel musician Tod Dulaney confirmed his concert in Johannesburg on the same night. Not exactly a confidence booster ahead of what was already a long shot. Again, the team said, we are doing this.

Typically, as an upcoming artist, you want to bring in a more established artist to feature in your project to draw attention to it and give it a certain profile.


I remember having supper with the

project team, including the producer Thapelo Makateng, and a decision was taken that there will be no features, and instead that investment will be made to improving the production; Brave or stupid? Only time was to tell.

Fast forward to the night of the recording, the production team arrived at the Theatre at 9 am having travelled overnight from Swaziland. Unbeknown to me were the difficulties they had faced the night before, some having lost their valuables and dealing with mixed up accommodation bookings. Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed they arrived as if nothing had happened, spirited lot they are, God bless them!!

We had been refused access to the venue the night before the show for set up, so it was always going to be a mission to get ready on time. Hour after hour, as I saw pictures of the setup coming through, the belief came back, this was really happening!!!





Looking back, the jury is still out on whether it was bravery or stupidity, but that was the highest point in my career and simply the best night of my life. The support from my fellow countrymen was overwhelming, choosing the lesser travelled road is not always easy, but the results make up for it.



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International  
Celebrity News

## Taylor Swift speaks out about politics

**TENNESSEE** - She's never spoken publicly before about her political allegiances.

But on Sunday, Taylor Swift took to Instagram to talk about how she plans to vote in the midterm elections on November 6.

"In the past I've been reluctant to publicly voice my political opinions, but due to several events in my life and in the world in the past two years, I feel very differently about that now," the pop superstar explained alongside a photo of herself.

"I cannot vote for someone who will not be willing to fight for digni-



**SPEAKS OUT: Taylor Swift.**

ty for ALL Americans, no matter their skin color, gender or who they love," she said. *Daily Mail*

## Kylie Jenner wants another baby girl

**NEW YORK** - Kylie Jenner wants to give daughter Stormi Webster a sister. But not anytime soon.

The 21-year-old 'Keeping Up With the Kardashians' star and 26-year-old rapper Travis Scott welcomed their daughter, their first child, in January. In a Snapchat Q&A with BFF Jordyn Woods on Saturday night, Kylie revealed that she wants to expand her family.

"Am I going to have another baby? I want another baby but, 'When?' is the question and I'm definitely not ready right this second," she said. "And I don't know when I will be, but yeah, when I do, I would love to share more of that with you guys."

"Have I thought of baby names for



**PIPE-LINE: Kylie Jenner and daughter Stormi Webster.**

my next baby? I have, but I haven't found anything that I 'love' love," she continued. *Eonline*

## R Kelly's underage 'Victim' ... writes graphic tell-all book

**LOS ANGELES** - One of the young women who claims R Kelly used her as a "s\*x slave" has written a tell-all book. The young woman, who wrote the book under a fake name, described in detail her relationship with R Kelly.

And some readers are calling the relationship "consensual". They're also suggesting that the young lady was finessed into getting into a "freak" relationship.

The young lady claims that she was 16 years old when she met R



**CONSENSUAL: R Kelly.**

Kelly, and they quickly entered into a s\*xual relationship.

*Daily Mail*

## Kanye West, Chance the Rapper play daddies

**CHICAGO** - They're two prodigal sons of the Windy City.

And Kanye West and Chance the Rapper turned a meet-up into a play date as they both visited their native Chicago on Saturday.

Kanye, 41, brought son Saint, two, and Chance, 25, took his three-year-old daughter Kensli to the local branch of Sugar Factory, which offers a huge variety of extravagant desserts.

Patrons at the restaurant egged on Kanye as he stood up in his booth smiling, clapping along to music and standing atop a table in a clip posted by TMZ.



**DADDIES: Kanye West and Chance the Rapper.**

Kanye, who also shares daughters North, five and Chicago, eight months, with wife Kim Kardashian, 37, was joined by Chance as a dessert on the table emanated sparks from sparklers on it. *Daily Mail*

## SA Celebrity News

## Sophie Ndaba's hubby gets viciously trolled

**JOHANNESBURG** - After being body-shamed for her weight loss, actress Sophie Ndaba-Lichaba has opened up a bit more about the kind of comments her family has had to put up with.

"People send my husband such nasty messages on social media. Women say, 'That woman looks so weird, do you really love her?'," Sophie added.

The actress, who adopted a healthy lifestyle just over a year ago, revealed that she had been suffering with diabetes for years and her weight loss was a result of a healthier



**TROLLED: Sophie Ndaba and husband.**

lifestyle to manage the disease. *Times Live*

## Lady Zamar speaks out on SA artists

**JOHANNESBURG** - Award-winning muso Lady Zamar says that following the example of Black Coffee and dozens of artists before him, local stars can make it big overseas if they just believe in themselves. The star has been making waves both in Mzansi and beyond our borders with her infectious hits and told Tshisa Live that it is just a matter of time before she and other SA musicians make it big overseas.

"I think we've got to a point where we can dominate international music. We are getting the exposure and more and more platforms



**ADVICE: Lady Zamar**

to show our talent. We are being booked overseas and that is really exciting".

*Tshisa Live*

## Marawa hit in pocket

**JOHANNESBURG** - Top SABC radio and TV sports presenter Robert Marawa is allegedly in trouble again with the public broadcaster.

This comes after Marawa allegedly gave a 36-minute interview to insurance company OutSurance on his sports show on September 11.

Earlier that day, Marawa was MC at an event where the SA Football Association unveiled OutSurance as their new referees sponsor.

As a result, the Metro FM and Radio 2000 simulcast host was allegedly slapped with a R240 000



**PAY UP: Robert Marawa**

invoice by the SABC's sales department following his allegedly unauthorised interview with the insurance company. *Sowetan*

## Emtee now a sober man

**JOHANNESBURG** - He thought he had it all under control - the fame, the constant stream of people rocking up at his house wanting a good time, the weed and the codeine.

It was all part of the lifestyle, he told himself, stuff that went hand-in-hand with being a star.

Then came the day that would change everything: the day he collapsed on stage while he was performing in Lephalale, Limpopo.

Now Mthembeni 'Emtee' Ndevu wants everyone to know he's as "sober as a judge". He made the decision to clean up his act and



**CHANGED MAN: Emtee.**

he's a changed man. The 25-year-old musician had girlfriend Nicole Kendall Chinsamy (23) and eldest son, Avery (two) in tow. *Drum*

## WEEKLY SOAPIE DIGEST

ISIBAYA

TODAY



**CONSULTS: Samson.**

Sibongile makes a breakthrough with Siphokazi. Busi is on cloud nine. Samson's health concerns force him to consult. Lillian seems to be falling for Judas' plan.

ISIDINGO

TODAY



**LIVING LARGE: Lincoln.**

Zandre walks into an emotional hurricane of discontent brewing between Clive and Seline. Ntando's decision to dissolve Nzinga into Sibeko Gold backfires. Lalage gets a glimpse of the jet-set lifestyle with Lincoln.

Muvhango

TODAY



**INTIMATE: James.**

Thobile witnesses an intimate moment between James and Imani. Rashaka is fighting the Rendani and Skhumbuzo relationship. Livhuwani realises that Tenda used her.

RHYTHM CITY

TODAY



**NOT SUPPORTED: Rene.**

Pearl is not as supportive of Rene and Mzi's relationship as she pretends to be. TK reaches out one last time to Gail - or is it really TK?



## PICTURE OF THE DAY

Wife: We should renovate the bathroom, any ideas?  
Me:



## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

### CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 – JANUARY 19

You may find that your love is incredibly magnetic now, Capricorn. All you need to do is be yourself and suddenly people flock your way. There are terrific opportunities for you to strengthen the bonds you have with the people you care about the most. Solidify your relationship with soft romantic words and actions. There is an extra sensuality to your mood and actions now.



### AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 18

Consider taking a more conservative approach to your actions today, Aquarius, as well as to the way you dress. Others may be rather put off by something that comes across as too flashy. Fashion is apt to be a significant concern for you now, which is fine. Don't underestimate the power of personal appearance.



### PISCES FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 20

Romantic relationships may not exactly be going as well as you'd like, Pisces, but don't get discouraged. Hang in there and you will find that things eventually come around your way. You may need to strengthen your internal sense of confidence, since it's doubtful that you will get much support from interactions with the people around you.



### ARIES MARCH 21 – APRIL 19

It could be that you're trying to communicate with someone in a matter regarding love and romance and it simply isn't working. You're apt to feel like you need a translator in order to get your message across. Both you and your partner need to share responsibility for making sure that the lines of communication remain open.



### TAURUS APRIL 20 – MAY 20

This is a fantastic time for you for love and romance, Taurus, even if there's a bit of coolness between you and the person you care about. It's possible that there needs to be an element of distance now for you to really appreciate the good thing you have. If you aren't involved with someone now, you should find that you're in a good position to make a move toward someone you feel strongly about.



### GEMINI MAY 21 – JUNE 21

It's one thing to be a friend and it's another to feed someone's ego just to make him or her happy, Gemini. Make sure that

you aren't telling someone lies just because you know that that is what he or she wants to hear.

### CANCER JUNE 22 – JULY 22

It's critical that you not try to gain the love and appreciation of another by controlling their decisions, Cancer. It's time to let the people around you set their own rules and boundaries. Give that special person space to decide what's best, then you can take action accordingly.



### LEO JULY 23 – AUGUST 22

You might need to put on the brakes today when it comes to love and romance, Leo. Don't think that this means you have to break off any sort relationship that's in the works, but realise that you may need to take a more realistic approach to how you handle it. The problem is that you may be getting so caught up in the fantasy of things that you aren't tending to practicalities.



### VIRGO AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 22

Things should be going quite well for you today, Virgo, and you will find that aspects of your life that may have felt disconnected in the past are finally slipping into place. Have faith that all your painstaking planning and organizing is finally going to pay off. This is especially true in love and romance.



### LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23 – OCTOBER 23

Restriction and discipline might not be your forte, Libra, but realise that this may be exactly the type of thing that you need the most. Try not to expend your energy in too many directions. Focus and channel your efforts into the things you consider the most important. Make sure that most of your day is spent tending to these things. Have you hugged your loved ones lately?



### SCORPIO OCTOBER 24 – NOVEMBER 21

Appreciate the good things you have today, Scorpio. Don't let another day go by without really paying homage to the people who've helped you grow along the way.

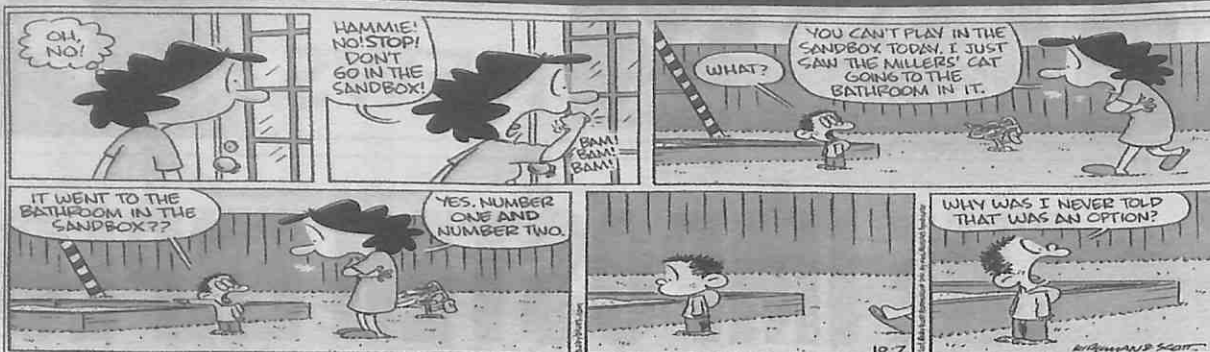


### SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 21

When it comes to matters of love and romance, you may need to tone things down a bit, Sagittarius. An aggressive approach now may drive your loved one further away from you instead of drawing him or her closer.



## BABY BLUES



## BUCKLES

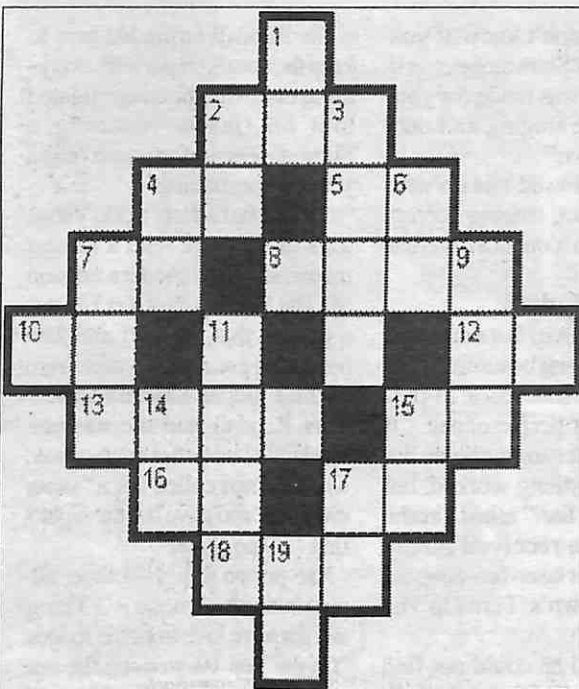


## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## PUZZLE CHOICE

Look at the clues below and fill all the numbers you can into the grid. Then start again and use your answers to help solve the other clues.



Down

- Three times 4 down (2)
- 132 divided by four (2)
- Five times 1247 (4)
- 5 + 7 + 10 (2)
- Six times 7 across (2)
- 13 across divided by eleven (3)
- Seconds in two minutes (3)
- 4181 re-arranged (4)
- 5 across minus 7 across (2)
- Six times six (2)
- Quarter of 220 (2)
- 10 across minus 15 across (2)

Across

- Days in a leap year (3)
- 10 across minus 5 across (2)
- Three times nine (2)
- Months in a year (2)
- 1234 reversed (4)
- Number of US states (2)
- Hours in a day (2)
- 211 + 400 + 500 (4)
- 16 across minus 12 across (2)
- 5 across doubled (2)
- Days in eight weeks (2)
- 625 divided by five (3)



## That's impossible too

A man was digging a ditch, when he uncovered a lamp. When he brushed it off, a genie popped out and said, "To show my gratitude for releasing me, I'll grant you one wish." The man thought for a second, reached into his pocket, pulled out a map of the world, pointed to the Middle-East, and replied, "I want you to bring peace to this area."

"Ooooh...I'm so sorry, that's impossible" said the genie. "There's absolutely no way I could accomplish such a great feat, so you'll have to choose another wish..." The man then said, "Well...then I want to understand women....?" The genie thought for a minute then said, "Can I see that map again...?"

## USELESS FACTS

- Count the number of cricket chirps in a 15-second period, add 37 to the total, and your result will be very close to the actual outdoor Fahrenheit temperature.
- One-fourth of the world's population lives on less than \$200 a year. Ninety million people survive on less than \$75 a year.

- Butterflies taste with their hind feet.
- Only female mosquito's bite and most are attracted to the colour blue twice as much as to any other colour.
- If one places a tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion, it will instantly go mad and sting itself to death.

## BRAINTEASERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Yesterday's brainteasers

- A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. How is that possible?  
**Answer:** She was walking.
- If you have me, you want to share me. If you

share me, you haven't got me. What am I?  
**Answer:** Secret

### Today's brainteasers

- He has married many women, but has never been married. Who is he?
- Take off my skin – I won't cry, but you will! What am I?





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# THE IMPOSTER EXPLORES NEW STORYTELLING STYLE

**THE** second season of *The Imposter* is undergoing a very dramatic reshuffle that's more turbulent than the storyline for its inaugural season.

For starters, Seriti Films - producers of Sunday night's *The Herd* - will helm the show as producers. They will be taking over from Ferguson Films.

But that's not all. The second season's *Mzansi Magic* show will introduce a new star-studded cast of Mpho Osei Tutu, Gail Mabalane, Joyce Skefu, Seputla Sebogodi, Tiisetso Thoka, Nonhle Thema and Sonia Mbele.

However, Thishiwe Ziqubu, Owen Sejake, Matshepo Maleme and Khulu Skenjana will not be reprising their roles.

## Explore

The show intends to explore the anthology storytelling tool (rolling out a series of stories under one title) that has been on the rise in



international TV in recent years in shows such as *True Detective*, *Fargo* and *American Horror Story*.

## Series

"The idea was that the series had a premise that can continue for as long as each season has different creative minds on it," said Shona Ferguson, Executive Producer at

Ferguson Films.

Reneilwe Sema, Director of local Entertainment Channels at M-Net, said: "We wanted to encourage producers in the industry to work together to build an even greater TV and film landscape."

"As *Mzansi Magic*, we decided to explore a strategy by introduc-

ing a novel storytelling technique with our dramas and telenovelas - the anthology concept."

"In this case, *The Imposter* will be the first show to carry this concept where we will alternate top production companies to come up with a new story and new cast while keeping the same premise."

## We honour you oh Mickey

AFRICA joins global celebrations of Mickey the True Original on #Mickey90Africa.

Disney Africa announced the African launch of the Mickey the True Original campaign, joining the global festivities honouring nine decades of Mickey Mouse, his heritage, personality and status as a pop-culture icon.

As 18 November marks 90 years since his first appearance in *Steamboat Willie* in November 1928, a series of world-wide celebrations will be taking place this year and Africa is no different. The campaign will come to life with engaging content and events that embrace Mickey's impact on the past, present and future. The local festivities kick off in earnest this month, leading up to Mickey's 90th anniversary on 18 November and beyond:

● Mickey's 90th Spectacular, a two-hour prime-time special, will be screened on M-Net later this year. The elegant affair will feature star-studded musical performances, moving tributes and never-before-seen short films. Superstars from music, film and television will join the birthday fun for the internationally beloved character.

● In addition, look out for special programming on Mickey's birthday (18 November) across Disney Channel, Disney XD and Disney Junior. "Binding generations together more than any other animated character, Mickey Mouse is the 'True Original' who reminds people of all ages of the benefits of laughter, optimism and hope," said Christine Service, Senior Vice President and Country Manager of The Walt Disney Company Africa.

## Lincoln's amazing run on Idols SA ends

**THANKS** to a glittering *Showstopper Night* theme, host Proverb had to dispense with the elimination tension very early on in the show.

We said goodbye to Lincoln on Sunday night after he received the least of the nearly 8.5 million votes cast last week! That said, he still got to hit the stage one last time as part of the top eight ensemble, who paid homage to the travelling circus with their opening number, 'This Is Me', originally performed by the cast of *The Greatest Showman*.

The show had, indeed, started!

Thato's surreal dream sequence performance of 'Mamelani' by Naakmusiq got things off on a soaring note that had the Judges showering him with compliments. Randall summed it up when he

proffered: "I don't know if you were made for *Showstopper* or if *Showstopper* was made for you. You had both singing and performance down!"

Nosipho followed this up with a rebel teen act, singing Ariana Grande's 'Into You' in a dive-bar karaoke set.

## Judges

The Judges agreed that she looked beautiful and sang beautifully, but there was a distinct lack of passion from her performance. "It was the perfect song choice for you and everything worked, but where was the fire?" asked Unathi.

Niyaaz also received mixed reviews for his laser-fun-zone act for Chris Brown's 'Turn Up The Music'.

Somizi said he could not find the "vocability" of the song at all,

while Randall reminded him to keep the vocals on par with everything else. Unathi congratulated him on finally reaching a *Showstopper* performance "eight years in the making".

Just past the halfway mark, Yanga took to the stage with a protest theme, singing a modern version of Letta Mbulu's 'Not Yet Uhuru', a gamble that paid off and saw her getting a standing ovation from all three Judges. Unathi was near tears, Randall said she was getting better and better every week, while Somizi called her a "super stage star" and gave her the night's first "Whoo Shem!"

Xae put on a high-octane, all-girl routine to Amerie's '1 Thing' and got some love from the Judges. "Of the Top 10, you are the one who has improved the most and

continues improving," complimented Randall. Unathi said she was "absolutely amazing" and Somizi dubbed her "the queen of song choice".

King B not only ruled *Wakanda* in his set, but also conquered Unathi's heart with his performance of 'Inde' by Heavy K & Busiswa. However, Randall and Somizi felt there was a "disconnect" and that tonight was the night he experienced a "downer".

Closing off the show was Thando, who literally took us to church with a remix of Beyonce's 'Single Ladies'. Not only did she get a ring from Randall, he testified: "You've got spirit and you brought it tonight!" She also received high praise from Unathi and the night's second "Whoo Shem!" from Somizi.





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## I should have scored more - Mbappe

PARIS - Teenage sensation Kylian Mbappe insisted that he "should have scored more" despite netting four times in a magnificent individual display as Paris Saint-Germain thrashed Lyon on Sunday.

The 19-year-old scored four goals in the space of 13 second-half minutes as a 5-0 victory saw PSG set a new French top-flight record of nine straight wins to start a season. But Mbappe did miss several earlier chances as he was thrice denied when one-on-one with Lyon goalkeeper Anthony Lopes and struck the post before grabbing his first goal just after the hour mark.

"I missed opportunities, I should have scored more," he told Canal+. "I keep working and I never doubted. I knew I had the support of my team-mates. I often say that as long as an attacker is creating chances, everything is fine."

Mbappe took the World Cup by storm in the summer, becoming the first teenager since Pele in 1958 to score twice in the final and winning the award for the tournament's best young player. He has started the new Ligue 1 season in similar fashion and already has eight goals to his name from just five appearances.

PSG are already eight points clear at the top of the table after breaking an 82-year-old record set by Olympique Lillois in 1936, as Mbappe looks to win the title for the third straight campaign after also lifting the trophy with Monaco in 2016-17.

"It was the work of the whole team, but the most important thing was the record," he added. "I insist we talk about the collective, we will have time to talk about me, Neymar. We wanted to win, we wanted this record at all costs."

AFP



ON FORM: PSG star Kylian Mbappe.

## BARCELONA HELD AT VALENCIA AS SEVILLA GO TOP IN SPAIN

SPAIN - Sevilla are the surprise leaders in La Liga after Lionel Messi could only rescue a draw for Barcelona away to Valencia on Sunday.

Barca started the day at the top of the pile and then Atletico Madrid enjoyed a couple of hours at the summit after edging past Real Betis at the Wanda Metropolitano.

Sevilla, however, usurped them both by beating 10-man Celta Vigo and Barca were unable to reclaim the lead in the late kick-off, held by Valencia to a 1-1 draw at the Mestalla.

It means Ernesto Valverde's side are a point behind Sevilla and without a league victory now in four matches, a dip that comes in stark contrast to their enthralling triumph over Tottenham in the Champions League last Wednesday.

Messi, mesmeric at Wembley, was on target again, his driven shot into the corner cancelling out a bizarre opener for Valencia,



MY BALL: Barcelona forward Lionel Messi, left, duels for the ball with Valencia midfielder Daniel Parejo, right.

scored after just 78 seconds.

Ezequiel Garay claimed the final touch, but Daniel Parejo's corner had been flicked on by Geoffrey Kondogbia, missed by Thomas Vermaelen and skimmed through off Gerard Pique's back.

Philippe Coutinho should have won it for Barcelona in the second half but took too long to pull the trigger and Jose Gaya was able to make the block.

"When we don't win we always think of it as two points lost,"

Valverde said.

"After Leo's goal, we tried everything, but they defended well, and we couldn't get the goal we wanted."

For Valencia, now unbeaten in six, this was another step in the right direction, even if they are finding it difficult to turn draws into wins. They move up to 14th.

"Leaving Barca for 90 minutes practically without a chance means that we have worked very well," Valencia coach Marcelino said.

Atletico and Sevilla's success also pushed struggling Real Madrid down to fourth. Julen Lopetegui's side endured a shock defeat away by Alaves on Saturday. For all the talk of crisis at the top two clubs, however, this was Sevilla's day. Pablo Sarabia headed in to open the scoring at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan before Celta defender Nestor Araujo was sent off for picking up two yellow cards in as many minutes. AFP

## Thai cave survivors play River Plate at Youth Olympics

ARGENTINA - The players of the Thai junior football team who were rescued after being trapped in a cave for more than two weeks were invited to the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires and played at River Plate on Sunday.

The Wild Boars team, aged between 11 and 16, arrived in the city last Friday and attended the opening ceremony of the Games the following day, before playing for an hour with the youth team of Argentinian giants River Plate.

The friendly was played at the Estadio Monumental, which hosted the 1978 World Cup final, and finished in a 3-3 draw.

The Thai youngsters, accompanied by the coach who took them on their trip to the Thuam Luang cave complex on June 23, were given a guard of honour by their Argentinian counterparts as they took to the pitch.

"It's really a spectacular moment because these boys have lived really terrible moments," said River Plate president Rodolfo D'Onofrio.

"This is the power of football and sport, we can make the people more happy."



The plight of the Thai boys attracted global media coverage and an international rescue effort as they remained trapped in the caves until July 10, and claimed the life of a rescue diver, former Thai Navy SEAL Saman Kuman.

"The children are very happy to be here, very

excited," said the head of the Thai delegation Werachon Sukondhapatipak.

"During the rescue operation many people from around the world came to Thailand to collaborate in order to save them. They feel they owe everyone around the world." AFP

TOGETHER: The young boys who survived the nightmare cave incident played at the Youth Olympics. (AFP)

## In Jerusalem, Palestinian families play political football

JERUSALEM - Aqal passes to Aqal, who finds Aqal in space out wide.

He squares to Aqal, who smashes home a strike, sending the crowd of yet more family members into hysterics.

The match inside Jerusalem's walled Old City was part of a month-long football tournament in which the largest Palestinian families play each other to be dubbed champions of the city.

Building on the inaugural tournament two years ago, participants say this year's event holds particular symbolism after

US President Donald Trump's controversial recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Palestinians saw the December decision as an attempt to deny their claims to the disputed city. They view its eastern sector, where the Old City is located, as the capital of their future state.

For players and fans, the tournament is a defiant display of Palestinian pride and footballing skill.

"We feel this is our land, so we want to stress we are the owners of the land by having a Palestinian tournament here," organiser Muntaser Edkaidek told AFP.

It is also a display of family ties that

informally govern east Jerusalem's 300 000 Palestinians.

In Jerusalem, family history is often entwined with the city's unique religious and political heritage.

The Khaldis claim to be descendants of one of the Prophet Mohammed's closest companions.

The Joudehs and Nuseibehs, both Muslim families, have for centuries safeguarded the keys to the church in the Old City built where Jesus Christ is believed to have been crucified and then buried.

Israel occupied east Jerusalem along with the West Bank in the 1967 Six-Day War and later declared the entire city its

united capital.

Since then, Palestinians say they have been denied the full range of rights and benefits given to Jewish citizens.

More than 200 000 Israelis now live in mostly modern, newly built blocs east of the 1967 armistice line -- decried as illegal settlements by the international community but thriving and growing under Israeli law.

The Old City is only one square kilometre, but hosts some of the holiest sites in Christianity, Islam and Judaism. It is also a functioning neighbourhood of more than 35 000 people, with homes, schools and shops tightly packed in. AFP





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## Mata stopped practising free-kicks in training

MANCHESTER - Juan Mata has revealed the superstition that helped him score a free-kick for Manchester United during their comeback win over Newcastle on Saturday.

The Spaniard came off the bench after just 19 minutes when Jose Mourinho hauled off Eric Bailly with his side 2-0 down.

Mata then helped to inspire the Red Devils' comeback as he scored from a free-kick in the 70th minute.

'We needed something and, yesterday [Friday] I was practising free kicks in the training ground. I scored I think three in a row and I left, so I said, I think I have the touch and today proved that,' he told Man United's official website.

Anthony Martial went on to equalise for United before a late goal from Alexis Sanchez gave the hosts all three points.

The lead up to the match was dominated by speculation around Jose Mourinho's future, with some reports claiming he would be sacked regardless of the weekend's result.

But the fans at Old Trafford voiced their support for the side and Mourinho during the game and Mata admitted they helped to spur the team on. *Daily Mail*

## 'THE MOST SENSELESS COMP IN THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL'

LIVERPOOL - Jurgen Klopp is satisfied with Liverpool's position heading into the international break but is not so happy with his players being taken away to play in 'the most senseless competition in the world'.

The goalless draw with Premier League leaders Manchester City at Anfield means the top three are all level on 20 points and separated only by goal difference.

Klopp is pleased a hectic schedule of seven matches in 23 days is now over but wonders what the next fortnight will bring for his players.

'If somebody would have told me after eight matchdays you have 20 points, I would say with that fixture list, I'll buy it, let's start with the ninth matchday!,' said Klopp. 'The boys unfortunately go away again now and have to play Nations League games - the most senseless competition in the world of football! 'We hope that they come back healthy and play these easy com-



**DEBATE:** Jurgen Klopp and Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola have a debate on the sidelines on Sunday.

petitions, the Premier League, the Champions League and all this. 'It's tough times for the boys, eh? We have to start thinking about the players.

'Somebody asked me, 'Is the level of the game (against City) because of the intensity?' - already in the question there is criticism (suggesting) it could have been better if you were fresher.

'If you want to see fresher, give

them a summer break - for Jordan Henderson it was exactly two weeks, which is funny. But that's how it is.

'That's why I say going away is not a big problem but now you call a manager of any country and ask him to leave out one or two players and he says, 'I am under pressure as well' because now it's Nations League.

*Daily Mail*

## Arsenal announce switch from Puma to adidas in £300m kit deal from 2019

LONDON - Arsenal have announced a switch from Puma to adidas in a £300million kit deal from 2019.

The deal with Puma has been worth £30million a year over five years. It runs out next year and Arsenal will double their money with adidas.

The new arrangement will bring in £60m a season over five years and will be the first time the Gunners have had an adidas kit since 1994.

The cash injection will boost the transfer kitty of Manager Unai Emery next summer. He has been forced to work on a limited £70m budget since he took over from Arsene Wenger.

The partnership will see Arsenal have the second-biggest kit deal annually in the Premier League alongside Chelsea.

Manchester United's contract with adidas is the largest in the top flight worth £75m a year.

Meanwhile, Manchester City struck a deal worth £50m a year with Puma to supply their kits from the 2019-20 season in August.

Emery's Arsenal made it nine wins a row when they beat Fulham 5-1 at Craven Cottage on Sunday afternoon. *Daily Mail*

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### The referees are protected in SA

PRETORIA - Pitso Mosimane says champions Mamelodi Sundowns are always getting the short end of the stick as he bemoaned another refereeing decision that went against his side in their 1-1 ABSA Premiership draw with table-topping Bidvest Wits in Atteridgeville on Sunday. Wits goalkeeper Darren Keet looked to handle the ball outside of his penalty area in near the end of the Premier Soccer League (PSL) encounter at Lucas Moripe Stadium and should have been red-carded, as well as giving away a free kick in a good position for Sundowns to possibly win the match in the final seconds. *Timeslive*

### Hunt happy that his players are unhappy

JOHANNESBURG - Gavin Hunt said it was a positive sign that his Bidvest Wits players were visibly disappointed after drawing 1-1 away at champions Mamelodi Sundowns on Sunday afternoon. Hunt and his players felt that table-topping Wits should have won the match at the Lucas Moripe Stadium in Atteridgeville, west of Pretoria. "We are disappointed, come on, let's be honest," Hunt said after Wits took a one point lead at the summit of the ABSA Premiership log standings. *Timeslive*

### Micho hails Mabokgwane performance

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates coach Milutin Sredojevic paid tribute to Jackson Mabokgwane's performance in goal after he replaced Siyabonga Mpontshane for the 1-1 draw with AmaZulu. Mabokgwane came in as a late replacement for Mpontshane after the latter pulled his calf muscle during the pre-game warm up. The Bucs took the lead in the 14th minute through Augustine Mulenga only to drop two points after Usuthu equalised through Emiliano Tade in the 49th. Sredojevic hinted in his post-game interview with SuperSport that he was unhappy with the Sea Robbers' finishing, but paid tribute to Mabokgwane for his performance at the other end. *Sport24*



**WENT WELL:** Kaizer Chiefs coach, Giovanni Solinas, says his side performed well in Saturday's 1-0 loss to Polokwane City.

## 'CONSISTENCY' THE MISSING INGREDIENT AT KAIZER CHIEFS

DURBAN - Kaizer Chiefs coach, Giovanni Solinas, is demanding consistency from his troops. Chiefs have been blowing hot and cold this season.

This past weekend they succumbed to a 1-0 defeat against Polokwane City in an ABSA Premiership tussle at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.

Vusumuzi Mngomezulu netted a stunner to hand his side the precious three points away from home. The defeat for Amakhosi ended their eight games unbeaten streak in the league.

Speaking after the game, Solinas said he wants his side to show consistency. Amakhosi, third on the table with 14 points after 10 games, will face their traditional rivals in their next league assignment at the FNB Stadium on October 27.

"The next game is important because it is a derby. It is a special game. It is very important for the supporters and the club. We need to improve our performances. We need to be more consistent," Solinas explained.

Solinas is yet to win against big opponents in his tenure with Amakhosi. He succumbed to defeats against Bidvest Wits and

SuperSport while sharing the spoils with Mamelodi Sundowns.

"Every three points is important. Three points is three points it doesn't matter whether you got it against Sundowns or against AmaZulu. Three points is three points. The most important part is consistency," Solinas said.

### Season

"This season is like last season. The PSL is balanced. We will fight for the title until May when the league is finished. The level of PSL has improved. The gap between the small clubs and the bigger teams has been reduced. Everyone is fighting and everyone can compete. Kaizer Chiefs is also competing to win the league. Despite the fact that we lost today, we are still competing for the league," he added.

When he was quizzed about his side's display, Solinas replied: "The team performed well in the second half. It was not an easy game. The guys were more positive in the second half. This is football, they created one chance and they won the game. Polokwane City is a good side."

*The Star*



## Foster to sign for Monaco on five-year deal

JOHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates starlet Lyle Foster has reportedly signed a five-year deal with Monaco which is set to begin in January 2019.

The French Ligue 1 giants have been monitoring the player for some time and the 18-year-old also recently returned to South Africa from a trial with the side.

### Impression

He is said to have made a big impression on the coaching staff during that period, and the promising teenager is said to have been rewarded with a lucrative five-year deal.

A source told Soccer Laduma website: "Foster has signed with AS Monaco. It's a five-year deal."

"The agreement is that he will leave in January for the club. For now, he has been given time to come back to South Africa to finish the year before he leaves in January."

Foster played for Bucs' MultiChoice

Diski Challenge team this past weekend although they were defeated 2-1 by Bloemfontein Celtic on Sunday. *Soccer Laduma*

**DONE DEAL:**  
Orlando Pirates starlet Lyle Foster.



## Winning the league is more than possible for Orlando Pirates - Maela

DURBAN - Orlando Pirates left back Innocent Maela is confident that they will soon end their trophy drought.

Pirates are going through a trophy barren, having not lifted a cup since 2014. In 2014, Pirates won the Nedbank Cup at the expense of Bidvest Wits at Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.

They came close in 2015 as they succumbed to a 1-0 defeat against Kaizer Chiefs at Moses Mabhida in the final of the MTN8.

Last season, Pirates finished second on the log behind champions Mamelodi Sundowns.

Maela is still searching for his maiden winner's medal in top-flight football, and is confident that they will soon claim some silverware.

"It is important for us to go out there and try and win trophies as a big team. As a player I haven't really won anything."

"I'm working hard with my teammates to make sure that we make our supporters happy and make them proud by winning a trophy, bearing in mind that a lot of us haven't won anything," he explained.

Maela has been pivotal for Pirates at left back since returning from his loan spell at Thanda Royal Zulu.

Pirates haven't won the league since 2011/12, but Maela is adamant that they have what it takes to lift the league trophy come the end of the season. "If I look at the team that we have, I believe that we stand a good chance of winning silverware soon," he added. "Winning the league will make me happy. Yes, I believe it is possible. It is more than possible."

Maela is also expected to play a big role when the Buccaneers commence their African adventure in the CAF Champions League at the end of November. "The experience of being in the national set-up will come in handy when we are going to Africa. It will be good for us as players to be exposed to those kinds of games. It will help us as players to grow," Maela said.

*IOL Sport*

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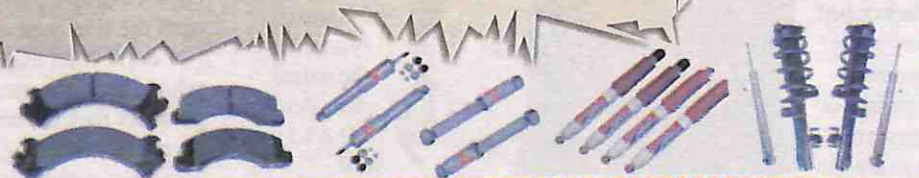
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**SHORTLISTED:** Real Madrid's Gareth Bale.

# RONALDO, BALE SHORTLISTED FOR BALLON D'OR

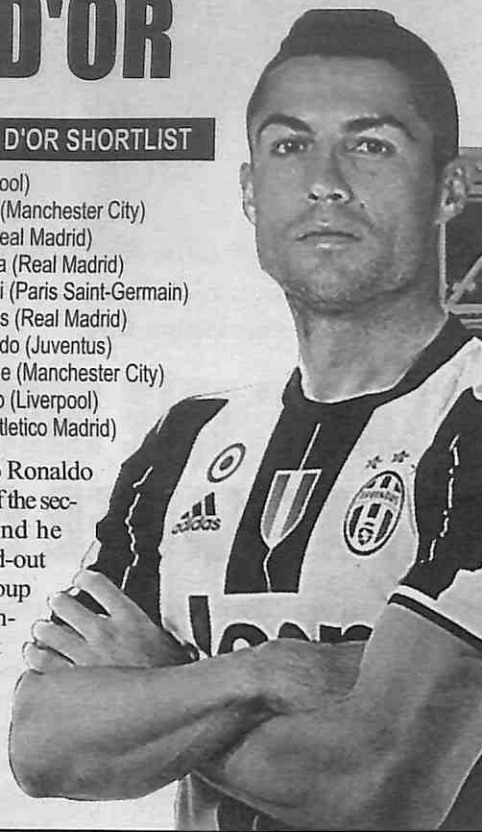
**MADRID - Real Madrid ace Gareth Bale will go head-to-head with former teammate Cristiano Ronaldo as the shortlist for the 2018 Ballon d'Or has been released.**

FIFA released the full 30-man shortlist throughout yesterday with five stars revealed at one time and Welshman Bale was among the first batch. Sergio Aguero, Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson, Madrid striker Karim Benzema and Paris Saint-Germain forward Edinson Cavani completed the first five. Names are released in alphabetical order

## BALLON D'OR SHORTLIST

Alisson (Liverpool)  
Sergio Aguero (Manchester City)  
Gareth Bale (Real Madrid)  
Karim Benzema (Real Madrid)  
Edinson Cavani (Paris Saint-Germain)  
Thibaut Courtois (Real Madrid)  
Cristiano Ronaldo (Juventus)  
Kevin De Bruyne (Manchester City)  
Roberto Firmino (Liverpool)  
Diego Godin (Atletico Madrid)

but Cristiano Ronaldo formed part of the second wave and he was the stand-out name in a group that also contained Thibaut Courtois and Kevin De Bruyne. **Daily Mail**



# Henry to become Aston Villa manager this week

**LONDON - Henry is favourite to take over at Villa Park, with John Terry set for a return to the club as assistant manager.**

Aston Villa hope to name Thierry Henry as their new manager this week.

And the ambitious Championship club could be set to bring back John Terry too in a new-look dream team as Henry's assistant.

Arsenal legend Henry is in final discussions over the post to beat off competition from Brendan Rodgers and Rui Faria.

Villa are hopeful of agreeing an easy settlement with the Belgian FA for Henry's services as his contract as assistant has an exit clause.

It would be Henry's first senior management role in his own right after impressing Villa's new wealthy owners Nassef Sawiris and Wes Edens.

The pair initially considered appointing Henry, 41, as soon as they bought the club in July but eventually opted to stick with existing boss Steve Bruce. Yet a dire run of just one win in 10 matches saw Bruce axed, amid mounting fan fury.

Chief Executive Christian Purslow

has now been instructed to finalise a deal for Bruce's successor this week in the international break.

Henry worked with Roberto Martinez during the World Cup when Belgium finished third.

But he is now determined to make his name a boss too, despite rejecting a chance to coach Bordeaux in France in August.

The Ligue 1 club balked at Henry's personal demands of around £40,000-a-week.

But Villa are ready to sanction them as Sawiris admires Henry hugely from being a London-based Arsenal fan.

A potential return for Terry would also be popular after he made 32 league appearances last term as skipper and led Villa into the play-off final.

He has recently been coaching Chelsea's U19s on a non-contract basis after rejecting a move to Spartak Moscow to continue playing.

Henry will face a huge challenge to get Villa back into the promotion race after a 2-1 loss at Millwall left the club 15th - six points off the bottom three. **Mirror**

# Lampard, Drogba post tributes to retired Terry

**LONDON - The football fraternity came together this weekend to laud John Terry after he announced his playing days are over.**

Terry took to Instagram on Sunday to reveal he had hung up his boots at the age of 37.

The former Chelsea and England centre back had a glittering career which saw him captain both his club and country. He won five Premier League titles, the FA Cup on five occasions and the Champions League during his time at the Blues.

Jamie Carragher, who Terry kept out of the England team during their heyday, labelled his former rival "the best centre back in the Premier League era" after hearing the news.

Frank Lampard, who played with Terry for 13 years at Stamford Bridge, said he was "honoured" to play alongside his close friend for Chelsea and England.

Michael Ballack praised Terry while also criticising the lack of leaders in modern football in his Instagram

post.

The German wrote: "One of the last true leaders leaves the pitch... what a player."

Didier Drogba, who also enjoyed great success at Chelsea alongside Terry, reflected on the trophies they won together while also claiming his former captain owes him money for a bet. He said on Instagram: "Congrats on your amazing career my captain. It was a pleasure playing and winning all these trophies with you. 'PS: you still haven't paid me the bet we did years ago, so please do it before I tell all my followers.'" Steven Gerrard, like Carragher, was embroiled in many battles with Terry's Chelsea but found time to laud his old nemesis.

The Rangers boss said: "Congratulations on great career JT it was a pleasure to play alongside you in an England shirt and thank you for all the amazing battles over the years at club level. Good luck with your future plans."

Terry's close friend and former team-mate Jody Morris, Gary Lineker and Patrick van Aanholt also waxed lyrical on the retired defender. **Daily Mail**



**RETIRED:** John Terry.

# Kevin Tway wins maiden PGA Tour title

**NAPA - Kevin Tway birdied his last five holes, three in a playoff, to win his first PGA Tour title on Sunday at the Safeway Open, where Brandt Snedeker squandered a five-shot lead in the final round.**

Tway rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt at the third hole of sudden death to win the first event of the US tour's 2018/19 season over Ryan Moore at Silverado Resort in Napa, California.

Snedeker, who started the day with a three-shot lead and led by five with 11 remaining in regulation, fell by the wayside with a par at the first playoff hole.

Moore matched Tway's birdies at the first and second playoff holes, before succumbing at the third - the par-four

10th. "I'm kind of at a loss for words," said Tway, the 30-year-old son of 1986 PGA Championship winner Bob Tway.

"I think I birdied my last five holes - that always helps."

He had birdied 17 and 18 in regulation to complete a one-under par 71 at Silverado Resort in Napa, California, finishing tied with Moore and Snedeker on 14-under par 274.

Snedeker started the day with a three-shot lead and stretched the advantage to five after birdies at the fifth and seventh before slumping with four bogeys on the back nine. That included three in a row at 10, 11 and 12, and that was enough to see his lead evaporate as Moore birdied 15, 16 and 18 to reach

14-under with a five-under par final-round of 67.

"I was just able to put together a round of golf," said Moore, who had six birdies and just one bogey.

"On a day like today it's not about necessarily how you're swinging, it's about how you just get the ball in the hole and somehow I managed to do that."

Snedeker briefly regained a one-shot lead with a birdie at the par-five 16th, where he rolled in a 10-foot putt.

But he immediately gave the shot back at the 17th, where he was far left off the tee and in the pine straw under a tree. He found a bunker at the par-five 18th and settled for a par and a two-over 74. **AFP**

# Hazard wants dream Real Madrid move

**LONDON - Eden Hazard has claimed he does not want to end his Chelsea career like Thibaut Courtois - but has again refused to commit his future to the club.**

The Blues playmaker is the Premier League's top scorer after taking his tally to seven in the win at Southampton on Sunday.

But the Belgium is out of contract in 2020 and has yet to start formal talks over a £300,000-a-week extension.

Courtois ran his contract down before forcing a move through to Real Madrid in the summer. Hazard again stated his "dream" has always been to play for the Spanish giants yet insisted he will copy Courtois' tactic of delaying talks until the final year of his deal.

"I don't want that," he said. "I want what's good for me, but I want what's good for the club because the club has given me everything. I don't want to say 'yes I am signing a new contract' and then in the end I don't end up signing.



**DREAMER:** Eden Hazard.

"So I will see. In my head, sometimes in my head I wake up in the morning and think I want to go. Sometimes I think I want to stay. It is a hard decision. It is my future. I am 27 and I will turn 28 in January."

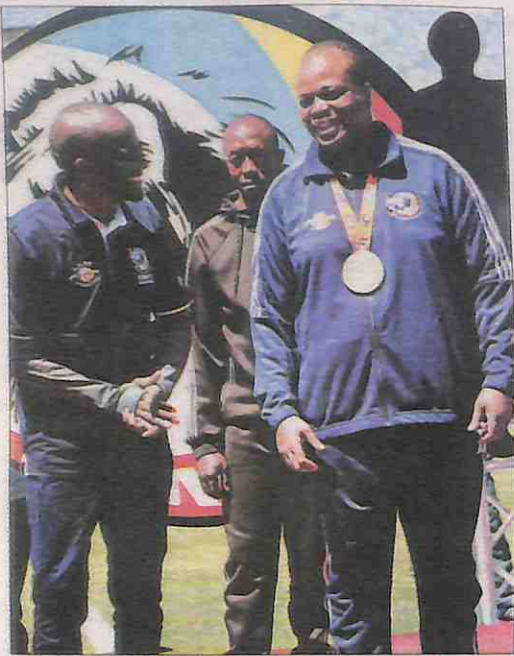
During the World Cup, Hazard cast doubt on his Chelsea future by claiming it was "everyone's dream" to play

for Real Madrid. He has since stated he will remain at Stamford Bridge until the end of this season while keeping his options open.

But speaking after the win at Southampton, he gave an insight into his inner turmoil after Maurizio Sarri's side have made a strong start to the season. **Mirror**



# MORE FROM IMBUBE MARATHON 2018



**BAYETHE:** Aerobics instructor Muzi Lushaba had an opportunity to chat with His Majesty King Mswati III after the aerobics session at Somhlolo National Stadium on Sunday. This was during the Imbube Marathon 2018, where His Majesty presented medals to the winners. The race technical team later got a chance to pose with His Majesty. (Pics: Lucky Simelane)



**POSE:** Some of the winners posing with His Majesty.



**LIFT UP YOUR HANDS:** Princes and others doing aerobics.



**IN NUMBERS:** Some of those who participated in the race crossing the finish line.



**WE CONNECT:** Some of Eswatini Mobile athletes displaying their medals.



**THE BANK WITH A HEART:** Eswatini Bank athletes displaying their medals.



**FINISH LINE:** Swazi Observer Chairman of the Board Sithofeni Ginindza (c) competing with other runners.

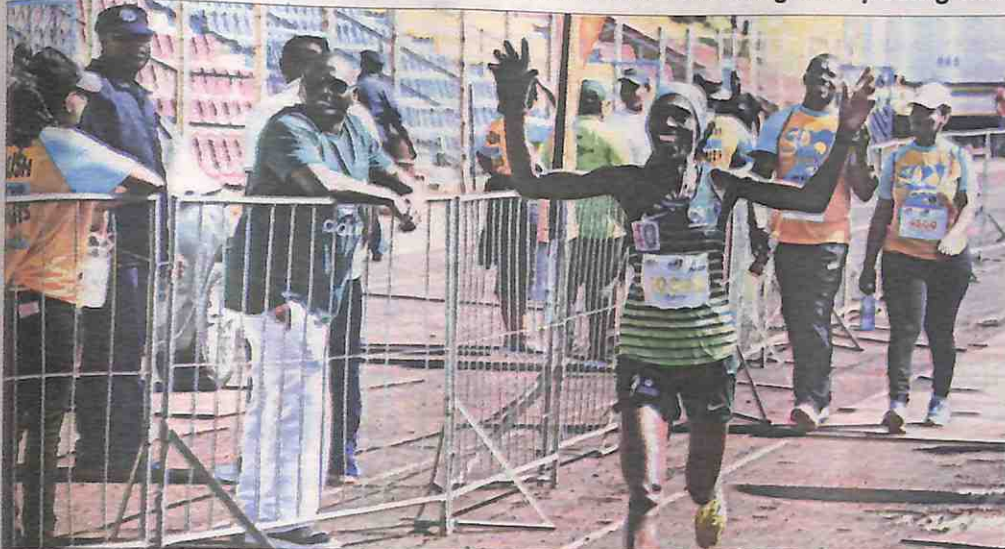




**RUBBING SHOULDERS:** Top ten winners in different categories posing with the King.



**BRING:** Sifiso Sibandze and other athletes being provided with water by a marshal along the way.



**FINISH LINE:** Swazi Observer Chairman of the Board Sithofeni Ginindza (c) competing with other runners.



**WATER:** Most athletes made it past the Macmillan water station at Mvutshini.



**WIN THIS:** Everyone who attended gave their all.



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### TENDER NOTICE: INTENTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION	9 October 2018
TENDER NUMBER	SERA_3 -- 2017/2018
NAME OF TENDER	Consultancy Services To Conduct An Operational Efficiency Study On The Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC)
APPROVAL AUTHORITY	ESERA Board
PROCURING ENTITY	Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA)
REQUESTING ENTITY	ESERA Executive Management

In terms of section 45 of the Public Procurement Act No. 7 of 2011 (the Act), following a competitive bidding process, notice is hereby given that a contract award decision for the above cited tender has been reached by the approvals authority as follows:

#### DETAILS OF BEST EVALUATED RESPONSIVE TENDERER

NAME	Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited and Meghraj Capital Advisor Private Limited
NATIONALITY	India
PROPOSED CONTRACT PRICE	E 4 241 208.00
FINAL EVALUATION SCORE	87.7 %

It must be noted that, in terms of 45(2) of the Act, the above contract award decision does not constitute a contract.

Further, in terms of section 45 (4), 46 and 47 of the Act, all tenderers who submitted bids are hereby notified that a period of ten (10) working days is hereby allowed for submission of any application for review from the above stated date of first publication of this notice.

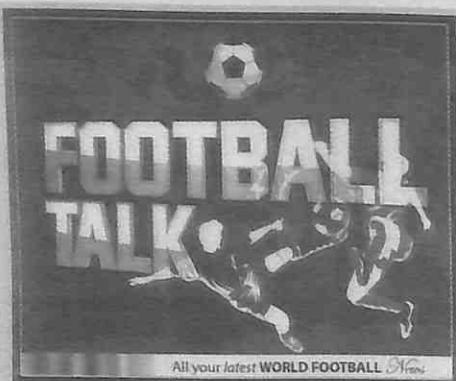
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	ED Simelane and Associates	Advisian Worley Parsons	Impact Strategy Consulting	Manitoba Hydro	Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited and Meghraj Capital Advisor Private Limited
Evaluated Price (Szl)	N/A	N/A	N/A	E 11 633 976.00	E 4 241 208.00
Technical Score (%)	57.00	73.6	59.6	78.7	87.7
Financial Score (%)	Not Opened	Not Opened	Not Opened	36.46	100
Final Weighted Score	Below Minimum Required	Below Minimum Required	Below Minimum Required	70.25	90.16

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● Zinedine Zidane's agent says the former Real Madrid coach, linked with Manchester United, is unlikely to manage in the Premier League. (*Marca*)

● French World Cup winner Pogba, 25, will not be sold by Manchester United in January, but wants to leave regardless of Mourinho's future. (*Mail*)

● Former Arsenal striker Thierry Henry is the preferred candidate to become Aston Villa manager, with newly retired former Villa and Chelsea defender John Terry lined up as his assistant. (*Express and Star*)

● Arsenal will sign Paraguay striker Miguel Almiron in January. The 24-year-old has scored 12 goals this year for MLS side Atlanta United, and will move for £15m after their season ends in December. (*Mirror*)

● Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe failed in a £10m bid for Brentford and Wales centre-back Chris Mepham, 20, in the summer but will try to sign him again in January. (*Sun*)

● Manchester City Manager Pep Guardiola apologised to Gabriel Jesus for not allowing him to take the late penalty missed by Riyad Mahrez in the goalless draw with Liverpool. (*Independent*)

● Manchester City midfielder Fernandinho escaped a red card for a "forearm smash" on Liverpool forward Sadio Mane because of his reputation, according to ex-referees' chief Keith Hackett. (*Telegraph*)

● Newcastle United should have had a penalty for an Ashley Young handball when 2-0 up in their 3-2 defeat at Manchester United, says former Premier League referee Mark Clattenburg. (*Mail*)

● Leicester City defender Wes Morgan thinks there should be a review into refereeing after he was sent off in his side's 2-1 defeat by Everton. (*Times - subscription required*)

● West Brom will return with another offer for Blackburn's Bradley Dack in January, having failed with a bid for the 24-year-old English midfielder during the summer. (*Birmingham Mail*)

● Striker Manolo Gabbiadini has conceded he would have taken a closer look at offers in the summer had he known he would continue to remain on the fringes at Southampton. The 26-year-old Italy international started his first Premier League game of the season on Sunday, but was taken off during the 3-0 defeat by Chelsea. (*Inside Futbol*)

● Chelsea boss Maurizio Sarri says midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek was left out of the squad at Southampton because he played for 70 minutes on Thursday. (*Football London*)

# FORMIDABLE LINE-UP FOR INYATSI SWAZI FRONTIER

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**CYCLING - THERE** will be a formidable line-up of local mountain bike riders at the start of Inyatsi Swazi Frontier this Thursday.

The likes of Retha Harding, reigning Mountain Bike National champion has teamed up again with Nadine Stein as team Umbuluzi Farm Chicken to defend their 2017 title. Nadine Stein is flying in from the USA where she has been training in the Colorado mountains and is super-fit.

"We have prepared well, and our training has been focused on trying to defend our title at this year's Frontier", said Harding.

Although we are the only local ladies team this year, there are many ladies in Eswatini who can complete the Frontier and hopefully they will join us next year. We are up against some stiff competition from some strong South African ladies' teams," said



Harding.

The Men's category looks like it will be super-competitive between the local rivals.

Master rider William Kelly has teamed up with Frontier veteran, Thulani Gule, a former Mountain Bike National Series winner, racing in the colours of Morond Faka Fire team. They will be racing against Team Inyatsi's Sifiso Mhlanga, a for-

mer winner and reigning Mountain Bike National Series winner who has teamed up with Rudolf Pretorius, a regular podium placer on our local race circuit.

Total Swaziland's Eben Muller and Stoffel Eckley are also strong and have the advantage of previous experience.

Then there are several strong teams who will be competing in their first-

**READY GO:** Mountain bike riders at the starting point during their recent Inyatsi competition.

ever Inyatsi Swazi Frontier – and whilst they may encounter some challenges with the unmarked route, they are likely to put pressure on the old-hands. The brothers, Colin and Graham Lovely, are sure to be in the mix at the sharp end of the peloton, racing as team Unlovelys. Luis de Sousa and Esau du Pont have followed a carefully planned training regime for the past year which has seen them go from strength to strength on the local racing scene and may well see them making waves.

The Mixed pairings are likely to see Inyatsi's Richard Cunningham and Wendy Reed on the podium, but nothing is guaranteed, and they will have to stay focused to stay on top of the competition from international teams.

This year will see the largest contingent of local riders lining up at the start with over 10 of them being virgin riders, doing it for the first time.

## Way Inn wins Dixies International E20 000 League

By Sibusiso Masilela

**POOL - GIANTS** Way Inn are the new champions of the Dixies International E20 000 Pool League.

The Malkems based side finished the league on the summit of the log table with 56 points following their 19-6 victory against Bhunya on Sunday afternoon.

Way Inn snatched the trophy under the nose of impressive newcomers Garrison, who finished second with 52 points.

The army side finished second following their shocking 14-11 loss to Figaredo Five, who dented their title dreams.

Mankayane finished off the league on a high note with an emphatic 16-9 win over fallen giants Macembe.

Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA) Chairman Muntu Dlamini said they were happy with the standard of the League when contacted yesterday.

The full results:

Bhunya	6	Way Inn	19
Figaredo Five	14	Garrison	11
Mankayane	16	Macembe	9
Figaredo	20	Nicks	5

Dixies International E20 000 League

	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	PTS
1. Way Inn	18	16	2	286	170	116	56
2. Garrison	18	14	4	276	174	102	52
3. Figaredo	18	13	5	212	178	34	49
4. Bhunya	18	10	8	237	213	24	38
5. Mankayane	18	12	6	213	228	-15	40
6. Figaredo 5	18	6	12	216	234	-18	29
7. Correctional	18	4	14	208	242	-34	25
8. Anka Eagles	18	7	11	154	296	-142	25
9. Macembe	18	5	13	198	252	-54	25
10. Nicks	18	4	14	183	269	-86	21

"We are happy the league has finally come to an end and that the title was decided on the last day of the season, which is sign competitiveness.

We would like to congratulate Way Inn for winning the championship and further com-

mend Garrison for their impressive run in the league during their maiden season.

"We also commend the good behaviour from all the teams and we are still working on the prize presentation day which we will announce in due course."

## ECF to host Eswatini Chess open next month

By Jongile Xuba

**CHESS - THE** Eswatini Chess Federation (ECF) will host a tournament dubbed the Eswatini Chess Open at the end of next month.

This comes after the Eswatini Chess national team returned from the Chess Olympiad in Batumi, Georgia last Friday.

ECF Vice President Thobile Mthethwa confirmed the news but said it would depend on availability of funds.

"We would like to have a

three-day tournament at the end of November.

Securing sponsorship would go a long way to ensuring we are able to invite players from other countries," said Mthethwa.

The aim of the tournament is to give the players exposure.

"The more international tournaments our players take part in the better they will become. We really would like to host the tournament," said the VP.

Asked on the recent performance of the team in Batumi Georgia, the VP said they

exceeded their own expectations.

"We had set a target of five match points from each team during the tournament. I'm happy to say we exceeded that target and managed to get eight match points from each of the teams," said Mthethwa.

She also said the awarding of three new Candidate Masters, Sikhanyiso Sihlongonyane, Similo Hlophe and Nosipho Dlamini was also a huge achievement for the team.

## Steels thrash Knicks to claim top spot

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER - HUB** side Steels thrashed Knicks 101 - 47 to claim the top spot in the Elite Men's League (EML).

This was during the Swaziland National Basketball League (SNBL) games played at the Mavuso Sports Emporium Sunday evening.

The Andile Hlophe led-side started the match on a high and kept it like that for the entire match. They look good just ahead of the play-offs. Mbabane Jazz also claimed a 86 - 76 win against Mbabane Raptors, meaning Raptors lost each and every match of the second round. The team will be up against Imbumbé as they charge for a spot in the play-offs.

Imbumbé claimed a convincing 61 - 49 win against hub side Superstars to heat up the race to the playoffs of the EML. Imbumbé started as the brighter side of the two despite the fact that they were without a key player in Thando 'Tyming' Mkhwatjwa. They were effective like a well-oiled machine until the very last minute, eventually winning the encounter with a convincing 61 - 49 win. With the win, the red and black ensemble is now showing their strong intentions of being a side to be aware of in the chase for the title. On game three of the second round, the team will now prove to be a strong contender for the title, especially since Mbabane Raptors have lost the momentum they had in the first round. The team has lost all their games this round and is still yet to face-off with Imbumbé. Meanwhile, in the National Women's League (NWL), youngsters Enjabulweni Griffins managed to edge a much improved Lady Jazz 52 - 48. In the Men's Promotional League (MPL) basement side Nkambeni Scavengers stunned Luyengo Pacers with a 52 48 win.

The full results:

Steels	101 - 47	Knicks
Lady Jazz	48 - 52	Griffins
Raptors	76 - 86	Jazz
Scavengers	62 - 58	Pacers
Griffins	51 - 28	Lynx
Dunkylaine	20 - 00	Blazers (Forfeit)
Chase	20 - 00	Warriors (Forfeit)
Tridents	71 - 65	Titans
Imbumbé	61 - 49	Superstars



# SIHLANGU IN TWO LOCAL PRACTICE MATCHES BEFORE EGYPT CLASH

By Sibusiso Masilela  
(Enroute to Cairo, courtesy of  
Inyatsi Construction)

**SOCCER – THE nation's pride** Sihlangu Semnikati have played two practice matches ahead of their next AFCON 2019 Qualifiers against Egypt slated for Friday evening at the Al Salaam Stadium in Cairo.

The Anthony Mdluli-led side played against the national Under-23 side and Manzini Wanderers where they won 3-1 and 2-0, respectively, at the Mavuso Sports Centre on Sunday.

Eswatini Football Association



Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe said the matches were part of the squad's training programme when contacted yesterday.

"This was part of the team's training programme for the upcoming AFCON Qualifiers and the team is expected to have left for Egypt yesterday," he said.

The national side left this morning by road to Johannesburg where they would connect a flight to Cairo at the OR Tambo International Airport.

Sihlangu is currently occupying the third spot in Group J with one point after two matches while Egypt are second with six points.

The two countries will again face-off four days later during the return encounter to be played at the Mavuso Sports Centre next Tuesday.

## SALAH, CO JOIN TEAMMATES FOR SIHLANGU PREPARATIONS

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**SOCCER – EGYPTIAN star** Mohammed Salah and his 11 other international stars yesterday evening joined the rest of their local-based teammates to prepare for their clash against Sihlangu.

The 'Pharoahs' as the Egyptian soccer national team is affectionately known, will face-off against Sihlangu on Friday with then the return encounter at the Mavuso Sports Centre next week Tuesday (October 16) in a 2019 African Cup of Nations qualifiers match.

According to information sourced from the Egyptian online, the Egyptian Football Association

(EFA) has assured that the Javier Aguirre-led charges will have a closed training camp to ensure that players remain focused before the match. The players will be staying at Le Meridien Hotel and will commence their training sessions at Aerosport Club.

### Leading

Meanwhile, local mentor Anthony Mdluli will be leading the country's pride without the services of newly-appointed Mbombela United captain Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst, who is said to have requested time to settle with his team.

However, Maritzburg United forward Justice Figareido has joined his Premier League of Eswatini (PEL) teammates.



ALSO IN: Egyptian star Mohammed Salah.



**THE BEST:** Tshwarelo Digauta receiving her best player of the tournament award from sponsor's representative Simanga Jwankie. Looking on are EFA's Sikhumbuzo Shongwe, WFA's Sonnyboy Mabuza and EFA's Sifiso Shabalala. **2. SHARP SHOOTERS:** Wanderers players Tibonile Dlamini and Gcinile Zwane were joint top scorers. (Pics: Jongile Xuba)



By Jongile Xuba

**SOCCER – MANZINI Wanderers** Ladies players scooped a majority of the individual awards during the inaugural Ntombazane Cup.

Four teams were part of the competition and these were Kappa Ladies, Mbabane Swallows, Manzini Wanderers and OlympAfrica. The awards were held after the final played at the Old Trade Fair Sports Ground on Sunday. Tshwarelo Digauta was named the Player of the Tournament and she received a trophy and E2 000 while the Top Goal Scorer award was shared by two Manzini Wanderers players in Gcinile Zwane and Tibonile Dlamini, who got E2 000.

The most promising player award went to Mbabane Swallows' Sibonelo Gwebu, who pocketed E1 000 after an impressive display. The Best Goalkeeper award went to Swallows' Nomthandazo Gadlela,

## Manzini Wanderes ladies dominate individual awards list

who received E2 000.

Manzini Wanderers won themselves E25 000 as well as gold medals and a trophy after they beat Mbabane Swallows 2-0 in the final of the Ntombazane Cup. The runners-up Mbabane Swallows received E20 000 for their efforts and silver medals.

### Medals

Third place OlympAfrica got bronze medals and E15 000 while Kappa Ladies received E10 000 for finishing fourth. Speaking on behalf of the sponsor, Simanga Jwankie said they were happy to support ladies soccer.

"Our dream is to see the women's league with the same following like the men's

league," said Jwankie. He said they would make the tournament better next year.

"We want to increase the number of teams from four to eight in next year's tournament which we hope to host around the same time."

Meanwhile, Manzini Wanderers Ladies head coach Bongani Makhukhula said the pre-season tournament was good for them and they will not let the result go to their head. "We had a really good tournament. The results should not fool anyone because this was a really tough outing for us," said the coach.

He went on to congratulate his players also thanked Intombazane Transport for hosting the competition.

## Change Imbube Marathon route - Tsatsa

By Sabelo Gwebu

**ATHLETICS – EXPERIENCED** Zimbabwe-born long distance runner Tabitha Tsatsa has appealed to the Imbube Marathon organisers to consider changing the route to avoid athletes' injuries among other perils that come with Eswatini's premier marathon route.

Tsatsa, who banked yet another E25 000 on Sunday after winning the 42.2km ladies category for a historic third time on the trot, said the magnitude of the Imbube Marathon is killed by the nature of the route which causes long term injuries.

The 42.2km race starts from Somhlolo National Stadium in Lobamba to Mbabane and back; with seven kilometres Malagwane Hill. In essence, athletes run seven kilometres uphill and another seven downhill, which

causes long term injuries that can make a runner not perform to his or her best in future events.

"The uphill is too much and even worse it's the same length downhill almost immediately - that is bad for muscles, can cause serious long term injuries. The magnitude of this race is huge, pays well and it should be the perfect event local athletes can use to qualify for the World Championships or Olympics but with the current route, it's impossible. To qualify for these events (World Champs and Olympics), a female athlete needs to clock 2:42:00 hours and it cannot be achieved here," Tsatsa said.

Tsatsa clocked an impressive 3:04:32 hours to win Sunday's Imbube Marathon, her third in a row in as many years, and was closely followed by Royal Eswatini Police Service (REPS) Athletics Club's Winile Mnisi on a time of 3:09:20 hours.

## ABOUT TABITHA TSATSA:

● Tabitha Tsatsa was born on September 18, 1972 and is a Zimbabwean marathon runner.

● She set both a national record and a personal best time of 2:29:20, by finishing fourth at the 2008 Dong-A Seoul International Marathon, held in Seoul, South Korea.

● Tsatsa represented Zimbabwe at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, where she competed as a lone female athlete in the women's marathon. She successfully finished the race in 49th place with a time of 2:37:10 hours.

● During the Women's Old Mutual

Two Oceans Ultra Marathon 2013, Natalia Volgina from Russia won the race for the second time, after first winning it 11 years ago. She won it in a time of 3:38:38, followed in second by Tabitha Tsatsa in 3:39:57. Soon after, Natalie Volgina tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid metenolone and was stripped of her title with first place shifting to Tabitha Tsatsa.

● Has won the Imbube 42.2km race for three times on the trot (2016, 2017 and 2018), pocketing a combined E75 000 in the process

## It boosts self-esteem - wheelchair bound participant

By Sabelo Gwebu

**ATHLETICS – WHEELCHAIR** bound Thobani Zikalala was not deterred by his physical condition as he joined the masses, successfully completing the taxing Imbube Half Marathon (21.1km).

Zikalala was participating in Eswatini's premier marathon for the first time but has done other races before, including the Tuff One.

As a result of his consistent participation in marathons, others in the same condition as his are joining in numbers to keep fit and healthy.

Zikalala has called upon organisers to consider their condition when planning for running events as it excites them to be part of the festivities. "Joining such races boosts my self-esteem and helps me to be physically strong. It also gives a positive picture in us that it is not the end of life to be in this condition and we implore race organisers to recognise us. Personally, I have harvested as many in the same condition as mine to join and the numbers are growing steadily," Zikalala said. While Zikalala successfully conquered the 21.1km run, others did the 10km race.



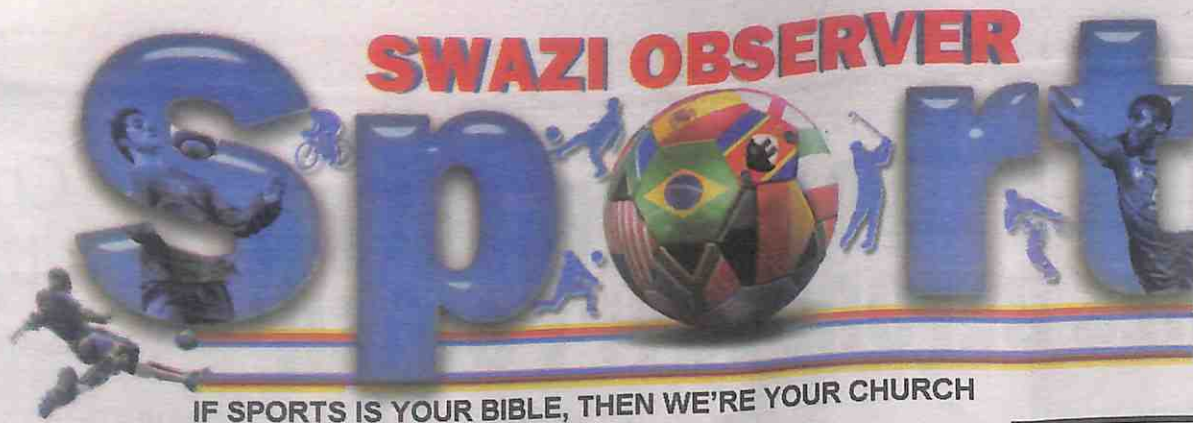
**MADE IT:** Wheelchair bound Thobani Zikalala successfully finished the 21.1km race during Sunday's Imbube Marathon. (Pic: Sabelo Gwebu)





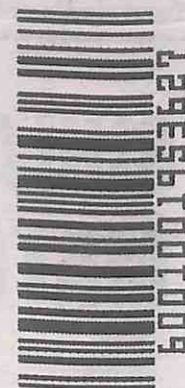
## TELKOM CUP DRAW

AmaZulu	vs	Cape Town City
Mamelodi Sundowns	vs	Bloem Celtic
Polokwane City	vs	SuperSport U
Free State Stars	vs	Bidvest Wits
Orlando Pirates	vs	Chippa United
Kaizer Chiefs	vs	Black Leopards
Maritzburg United	vs	Highlands Park
Baroka	vs	Golden Arrows



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## YOUNG BUFFALOES STAR PASSES ON

By Sabelo Gwebu

**SOCCER – IT is another week and another death in football circles.**

Just when the football fraternity was still coming to terms with the sad passing on of Premier League Eswatini (PLE) staffer Nomalungelo Gama and former elite league referee Phinda Sihlongonyane last week, the dark cloud is back hovering over following the demise of Young Buffaloes defender Mvuselelo Sihlongonyane.

The future prospect, who was recently promoted to the first team following impressive performances in the army side development teams, passed on over the weekend. While details of his death were



unknown at the time of compiling this report, Buffaloes Chief

Executive Officer (CEO) Sandile Gwebu said he could only comment on the death and pass condolences after meeting with the player's family tomorrow.

"Please let me comment after we have met with his family on Wednesday," Gwebu said.

Sihlongonyane was promoted to the Buffaloes senior team in the 2016/17 season but failed to crack it in the star-studded side and was later loaned to then National First Division side Bad Boys. The water-tight defender also represented the country in the 2016 COSAFA Under-20 Championships in South Africa.

"It is sad to lose a player of his calibre as he was showing glimpses of being a good defender.

He was one for the future and the perfect cover for the current central defence pairing of 'Sthobela' (Siboniso Mamba) and Sihlangu (Mkhwanazi)," said one of the development coaches at Buffaloes.

### ABOUT MVUSELELO SIHLONGONYANE

- on the PLE Reserve League with Buffaloes juniors in 2014, 2015, 2016
- Won the Eswatini Charity Under-20 Cup in 2015, 2016 and the SwaziBank Under-20 Cup in 2016
- Was promoted to Buffaloes senior team in the 2016/17 season
- Was loaned to the First Division side Bad Boys and later recalled
- Represented the country in the COSAFA Under-20 tournament in 2016

# 'FELA' SNUBS SIHLANGU, 'FIGA' ARRIVES



Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

(Enroute to Cairo, courtesy of Inyatsi Construction)



**SOCCER – NATIONAL team Sihlangu preparations for the upcoming 2019 AFCON qualifier against Egypt have been a dealt a huge blow following international player Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst's decision to pull out of the squad.**

'Fela' will not feature in the back to back encounters 2019 AFCON Qualifiers against the North African side.

The former Mbabane Swallows and current Mbombela United captain did not report for camp last night at the Eswatini Football Association Technical Centre,

where he was expected to join the rest of the squad ahead of the upcoming clash slated for Al Salaam Stadium in Cairo on Friday afternoon.

### Appointments

Reports also coming within the Sihlangu camp suggest that another local international player in Maritzburg United Justice Figueiredo reported to camp yesterday afternoon.

A source close to the matter revealed that the lanky attacker (Badenhorst) will not honour the call-up by the current Sihlangu interim coach Anthony Mdluli.

"Felix is not coming in for the match against Egypt since he wants to focus on his club where he has been recently appointed as the captain. It is only Justice Figueiredo who has reported at camp. This means we have only one interna-

- Player wants to focus on his club Mbombela United
- Figueiredo joins squad ahead of departure to Cairo
- Squad expected to leave today for Egypt

tional player in the squad," said the source. Efforts to get the player's comment were futile as he did not respond to text messages sent to him yesterday afternoon.

EFA Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe maintained that the player was expected to report for camp last night when reached for comment.

"The player has been called to join the squad together with Justice Figueiredo, who is already in camp. I am not aware of any reports suggesting that one of the two players will not be joining the team," he said. Coach Anthony Mdluli confirmed that Felix will not join

the squad due to administrative issues.

### Flight

Two other international players in Banele 'Pupu' Sikhondze (Polokwane City) and Sanele Mkhweli (TS Sporting) have been overlooked for the next Group J encounter.

Both Badenhorst and Figueiredo were not selected for the previous Group J tie against Tunisia which was played last month at the Mavuso Sports Centre.

Sihlangu is expected to leave the country this morning by road to Johannesburg where they will connect a flight to Egypt at the OR Tambo International Airport.



**READY: Justice Figueiredo, Sizolwethu 'Nunu' Shabalala and Sandanezwe Mathabela following proceedings during the farewell function held at Lobamba Technical Centre yesterday. (Pic: Sibusiso Masilela)**

## We are ready for Egypt – 'TT'

**SOCCER – SIHLANGU captain Tony 'TT' Tsabedze says they are ready to face Egypt.**

The veteran winger said they were aware of the danger posed by the North African side.

"We are all looking forward to the match and are quite clear of what to expect from the opposition. We have played them before and we will give it our best shot," he said. Meanwhile, Eswatini Football Association CEO Frederick Mngomezulu implored the team to make the country proud during the match. "This is going to be a totally new game altogether from the one previously played against Egypt. We believe we will have equal opportunities and are also confident that the squad will make the country proud," he said.

## Four other players dropped from squad

Stories by Sibusiso Masilela

(Enroute to Cairo, courtesy of Inyatsi Construction)



**SOCCER – FOUR Sihlangu players have been dropped from the 2019 AFCON qualifiers against Egypt slated for Friday night at the Al Salaam Stadium.**

The players who have left behind are Mthunzi 'Xavi' Mkhontfo (Green Mamba), Phephisani Msibi, Lungelo Tsabedze (both Royal Leopard), and Young Buffaloes versatile play-

er Siboniso Ngwenya. Speaking during a brief interview after the squad's farewell function held last night at the Technical Centre, interim coach Anthony Mdluli said the players had been left out due to medical reasons. "These players will not make it to Egypt due to injuries. We have been advised by doctors not to risk the players. They will be ready for selection during the return leg if they recover on time." Mdluli then referred queries to the Eswatini Football Association Chief Executive Officer Frederick Mngomezulu over the absence of international player Felix 'Fela' Badenhorst. "We are happy Justice Figueiredo is here

and he looked promising today (yesterday) at training. We are now looking forward to the match," he said. EFA executive member Johannes 'Ace' Sibozo is the head of delegation.

### FULL SQUAD

**Goalkeepers**  
Sandanezwe Mathabela (Swallows), Nhlanhla Gwebu (Buffaloes)  
**Defenders**  
Siboniso Mamba (Buffaloes) Banele Dlamini (Green Mamba) Sifiso Nkambule (Leopard) Wandile Maseko (Buffaloes) Machawe Dlamini (Leopard) Lindo Mkhonta (Buffaloes) Sihlangu Mkhwanazi (Buffaloes)  
**Midfielders**

Richard McCreesh (Swallows) Mxolisi Mkhontfo (Green Mamba), Sifiso Matse (Leopards), Sabelo Gamedze (Highlanders) Tony Tsabedze (Mbabane Swallows), Sizolwethu Shabalala (Swallows) Sandile Gamedze (Buffaloes)  
**Strikers**  
Barry Steenkamp (Leopards), Phwayinkhosi Dlamini (Buffaloes), Justice Figueiredo (Maritzburg United) Fanelo Mamba (Buffaloes)