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# Pakistani businessman granted E150 000 bail for forging King's signature

By Sandile Nkambule

One of the Asian nationals who were arrested for allegedly forging His Majesty the King's signature has been eventually granted bail which was however fixed at E150 000 cash by the High Court.

The High Court also ordered that the Pakistani National Akmal Muhamed should also provide sureties to the amount of E500 000 before he is released from custody.

High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi yesterday issued the order and further stated that Muhamed is to remain in the Kingdom, Manzini in particular at Magevini flats House number 74 until his trial is finalised and further report to the Sigodweni Police Station every day at 4pm.

At least two businessmen of Pakistani origin are expected to stand as surety and property to the said E500 000.

The Pakistani national was granted bail after his legal representative Advocate Mduduzi 'Tsotsi' Mabila instructed by lawyer Linda Jele, made lengthy submissions on his behalf before Judge Nkosi arguing that he will not abscond trial.

- Pakistani National Akmal Muhamed ordered by High Court to offer sureties to the amount of E500 000
- He was further ordered to remain in the Kingdom, Manzini in particular until his trial is finalised
- He is also expected to report to the Sigodweni Police station daily at 4pm

The Crown represented by Banele Magagula had been vigorously opposing his bail application and he has been in custody since his arrest in January this year.

In his bail application, he had alleged that he is in the process of completing a shopping complex after being allocated land at Lomahasha and that Swazis stand to have gainful employment from it.

According to Akmal, who had filed an urgent bail application, he denounced his Pakistani citizenship after obtaining a Swazi one and to demonstrate that he is rooted in the Kingdom, he alleged that he is in the process of completing a shopping complex at Lomahasha.

## Investment

"Suffice to mention that in the investment referred to above, natural Swazis will have an opportunity to gain employment and support their families, having regard to my investment in the country and the fact that at least two of the charges carry an option of

BEFORE HIM: High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi.



a fine," Muhammad submitted.

Muhammad submitted that he arrived in the country in 2004 and after some time and having initially obtained an entry permit, he applied for a residential permit and was granted same.

During the year 2008 he submitted that he successfully applied for a Swazi Identity card which was granted as a

non-Swazi and having spent a period in excess of 10 years, he stated that he applied for citizenship before the Citizenship Board and was granted a provisional one but advised to renounce his Pakistani nationality in order to issued with a permanent one.

He submitted that during his arrest and subsequent detention, he did not

have a copy of the letter renouncing his Pakistani Citizenship hence he was not in a position to attach it.

He denied that he forged or submitted any forged document to the Citizenship Board nor did he utter with any document thereof.

According to the charge sheet, the 49-year-old Muhammad is facing a total of five counts including fraud which were allegedly committed in the Hhohho region.

On the first count, he is charged with the crime of fraud in that at or near Mbabane the said accused person did unlawfully and with intent to defraud, misrepresent to the Citizenship Board's Paul Mphostoli Shabangu that two documents an authority of *Kukhonta* dated August 30, 2006 and a certificate were authentic documents and did by means of the said misrepresentation induce the Swaziland Citizenship Board to its prejudice obtaining a certificate of registration as a Citizen of Swaziland.

## Charged

On the second count, he is charged with uttering a forged document which was allegedly committed in Mbabane on October 25 2017, on the third count he is *khonta* charged with forgery of a certificate on August 30 2006. Meanwhile, on the fourth and last count, he is charged with contravening the Immigration Act and contravening the Citizenship Act of 1992 respectively.

## E900 million Phuzumoya Strategic Oil Reserve Project:

# GOVERNMENT PULLS PLUG ON KANTEY & TEMPLER

Stories by Bodwa Mbingo

Despite the company's reported backing from Netherlands and global oil giants VTTI in the construction of the E900 million worth Strategic Oil Reserve at Phuzumoya, government has pulled the plug on Kantey and Templer Swaziland, the project managers.

The project facility at Phuzumoya in the Lubombo region is now expected to return to the tendering phase.

The Observer on Saturday can reveal that government through the ministry of natural resources and energy is in the process of terminating its relationship with Kantey and Templer further throwing the project into turmoil after it has experienced a number of upheavals since His Majesty King Mswati III commissioned its construction in 2013.

Exactly on October 18, 2013, the King, amid great expectations and relief, got on an excavator and conducted a sod-cutting ceremony to mark the official launch of the construction of the strategic oil reserve.

Then, it was announced that the multi-million job was a joint venture between the Kingdom of Swaziland, American Tank and Vessel (Pty) LLC, Kuwait and other stakeholders.

With thousands of jobs expected to come out of the project, His Majesty, then, thanked American Tank and Vessel for bringing a project of such magnitude into the kingdom.

As those gathered for the launch - cheered, the King said: "The project that I bring to you today is one that is geared into transforming lives and take the entire region into higher heights.

After protracted upheavals pertaining to the initial contractor, it was then reported in November 2014 that Kantey

and Templer Swaziland had been awarded the tender to construct the oil reserve with an assurance that at least 300 locals would be employed during the two-year period of construction.

About three years later after commissioning and having obtained feedback from the ministry that indeed the project had no glitches and was continuing according to schedule, the King, during the official opening of Parliament in 2016 encouraged investors to take advantage of the project.

Fast forward to February 2018, Principal Secretary (PS) in the ministry of natural resources and energy has indicated that government is ready to pull the plug on Kantey and Templer.

"The contractor did not meet the agreed upon timelines and we are working within the framework of the agreement for the next steps in this project. It is envisaged that the project will be returned to tendering in the very near future," said the PS in a statement to the Observer on Saturday.

In September 2016, Director of Energy in the Ministry Henry Shongwe told the Observer on Saturday that there was no need to press the panic button as the project would commence earnestly in October that year. He had explained that the delay had been due to some few loose ends that needed to be tied up by the contractor. "We have received everything from the contractor even the plans and work should begin in October. That is what they have promised us. The project is expected to take 18-24 months to complete. We are very excited as government as the constant delays have also troubled us. The reserves are very important to the country especially during cases where there are unrests in the neighbouring South Africa resulting in strike actions in the energy sector. Its

## Despite this, contractor readies to resume works Thursday

With everything that is currently ongoing pertaining to the Strategic Oil Reserve Project at Phuzumoya, the contractor Kantey and Templer insists that their sub-contractor Inyatsi Construction is ready to resume works on Thursday.

An official from Kantey and Templer wondered how the situa-

tion turned out to be like this when they have met all requirements and have their sub-contractor ready to resume building works.

Our team is ready and is working.

Earthworks were completed, road hardstand also completed and building works due to commence on Thursday. Tank foundations will

follow," said an official from Kantey and Templer.

An unnamed source said: "All studies like the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment), which takes eight months and soil investigation, which takes three months have all been completed. So basically the project is being taken about two years back."

construction will go a long way in addressing this," he stated then.

A project appraisal by Kantey and Templer towards the end of last year revealed that the first phase of the project that included earthworks was already complete and it has been estimated that about E5 million has already been injected into this phase.

## Sounded

Engineers from Inyatsi Construction found on the site, sounded optimistic that the project would duly be commissioned by late this year and confirmed that the first phase of the project had been complete. At the time, there were already stable foundations for heavy plant machinery to move around as construction continued. An assembly point for steel works was also already in place.

Phase II, which entails bulk earthworks, civil works, mechanical, and electrical works is expected to begin earnestly next week and this, therefore, means that employment opportunities are still available in the project as soon as this phase commences. What will come as good news especially to the people of Phuzumoya and surrounding areas is that the promised employment of about 300 people throughout the con-

struction phase is now imminent.

The engineers also confirmed that the tanks area foundation would begin earnestly while the construction of offices was also expected to begin soon. Proper construction began in August and an assurance that the project was still on course for commissioning next year was given. To further allay fears that the contractor would fail to deliver the project timely, Netherlands' VTTI, which backs Kantey and Templer Swaziland in the local project managed to deliver timely the renowned Borgan Cape Terminal (BCT), Cape Town's first independent oil storage and distribution terminal that was officially opened in the Eastern Mole of the Port of Cape Town last year.

Inyatsi Construction is supervised by Chemie Tech, the same company that supervised works at the Cape Town terminal. The Swazi project embraces the construction of a 90 million litres national strategic fuel facility, which will ensure that the country's energy sector assumes its central role in the development of the country and economy.

In its glowing credentials, Kantey and Templer Swaziland boasts of backing by top oil traders and engineers including the Netherlands based New York

Stock Exchange (NYSE) VTTI as the major shareholder, United Arab Emirates (UAE) based Chemie Tech DMCC and Borgan Oil.

These are the same players that were involved in the construction and completion of the Borgan Cape Terminal. VTTI energy is owned by Vitol, which is the major shareholder in oil trade in the World. The Chemie Tech Group was established in 1997 and the group has since grown into a large multinational organisation with offices in 28 countries and a workforce of over 3 400 employees.

The group's operations are organised into four business verticals which operate as individual legal entities and that include EPC, refining, mining and trading. Chemie-Tech Group's flagship company, Chemie-Tech DMCC is a professional industrial solutions provider, offering high quality engineering, procurement construction and project management services to oil and gas, petrochemical and process, power and water industries and agro based industries. The sphere of activity is focused in providing expertise and turnkey solutions to clients throughout Middle East, South Asia, South East Asia, Australia, Africa, Continent and North America.



# ACC'S MNGWENGWE OUT OF CONTRACT

## cover story

By Alec Lushaba  
Editor

**A**nti-Corruption Commission Commissioner Advocate Thanda Mngwengwe's contract is said to have elapsed.

Sources close to the matter have revealed that Mngwengwe's contract ended at the end of last month.

The Anti-Corruption commissioner is appointed by His Majesty the King according to Section (4) (1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act of 2006 on the advice of the Judicial Service Commission.

The Act further states that he shall hold office for a period not exceeding five years and may be re-appointed for a single term, on such terms and conditions as may be determined.

The King had appointed Mngwengwe into this position in January 2013.

At the time of his appointment, Advocate Mngwengwe was assisting the Director of Public Prosecutions in the CTA corruption case, which saw then CTA General Manager Polycarp Dlamini spending about five years in jail.

It is no secret though that Mngwengwe had a rough relationship with the Judicial Service Commission who have been going for his head since the time of fired Chief Justice Michael Ramodibedi.

The JSC then preferred to work with former ACC Deputy Commissioner Lillian Zwane or current Second Deputy Commissioner Ndiphetho

Mabila. Even though it has not been stated publicly, the ACC boss has always been viewed by the JSC as taking orders from the Executive arm of government, in particular the prime minister's office.

Whilst previous attempts to get rid of him failed, which included spurious allegations made against him and a so-called petition from ACC staff to the CJ.

The not so healthy relationship played itself out when the ACC made an ex-parte application for search and seizure of assets against former Commerce, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Dlamini and two others before the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala in 2016.

### Chambers

Whilst the application had been made in chambers, the CJ decided to make his ruling in public where he struck down some sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and dismissed the application, saying some sections of the Act were unconstitutional.

That ruling still stands pending appeal in the Supreme Court and the then minister and his partners were never searched nor charged for the alleged offences.

This is the same case that worries the Prime Minister Dr. Sibusiso Dlamini who in his book is concerned about the CJ's ruling and the country's effort to fight corruption.

In his recently published book, 'Dr. Barnabas Sibusiso Dlamini: Inspiration, the personal journey of the Prime Minister of Swaziland', he said he



**OUT OF CONTRACT:** Anti-Corruption Commission Commissioner Advocate Thanda Mngwengwe.

was worried about the precedent set in the former minister's case.

The premier said whilst His Majesty had played his role in the fight against corruption by appointing eight judges and assigning two specifically to deal with cases of corruption and similar commercial crimes, this remained a major challenge.

"Nevertheless there remains a further challenge. During the recent attempted prosecution of the former Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Gideon Dlamini, the chief justice expressed the view that there was no criminal case to answer. That view

maybe well based on what evidence of criminal behaviour was on record. He also said that the anti-corruption legislation is contrary to the provisions of the constitution. This was quite worrying," he wrote.

He wondered if such a ruling was not opening flood gates for future appeals by those convicted under that legislation.

"If his behaviour was not of criminal nature, then what did his dealings amount to? It needed an unequivocal statement on the matter so it could be laid to rest," he said.

Dlamini said as the work of the ACC is independent of all three arms of government, its effectiveness is only visible to the general public once a case gets into court.

"As I have said a few times in this book, this is not happening," he said.

Dlamini stated in his book that his enquiries have revealed that corruption cases were not being taken to court due to a weakness at Judiciary level rather than in the work of the ACC. "The cases are going to the Director of Public Prosecutions but nothing happens after that. We are not mobilising the prosecution process as rapidly as we should be," the premier noted in his book.

### Bigger

In fact one of the bigger cases of grand corruption Mngwengwe did is the one involving former Justice and Constitutional Affairs Minister Sen. Sibusiso Shongwe.

The former minister is implicated in the Swaziland Revenue Authority and Impuzi case where over a mil-

lion Emalangenzi is said to have been deposited into his account. It is the arrest of the then minister that triggered the dismissal of the former Chief Justice Michael Ramodibedi.

### Hired

Mngwengwe was hired following the two countries, in particular the ministry of justice and constitutional affairs signed with that of the Republic of South Africa, where a Memorandum of Understanding to give the country technical support was reached.

The then Scorpions head, given his experience with corruption cases, was then recommended to head the country's commission after Malawian born Judge Justice Mtegha left.

One of the cases he had dealt with in South Africa involved charging the then South African Deputy President Jacob Zuma with corruption and fraud.

These were the same charges that were later dropped by the former Director of Public Prosecutions (NDDP) Makodedi Mphse which are today haunting Zuma.

When PS in the Ministry of Justice Lorraine Hlophe was contacted on the matter she said the newspaper should forward a questionnaire for the attention of the minister who will be back in office on Monday.

She only confirmed that their MoU with South Africa is still valid and did not want to comment on the expiry of Mngwengwe's contract.

The minister, when tried on his mobile phone, he did not pick it at first and later it was out of the Swazi MTN network.

## Victor Murder suspect Siphon Shongwe secretly remanded again

By Observer on Saturday  
Reporter

**Y**esterday members of the public and those that were attending Magistrate's Courts matters were treated to a spectacle as if from a Hollywood block-buster movie, due to the tight security provided by His Majesty's Correctional Services.

This was during the secret remand of controversial businessman Siphon Shongwe, who is charged with the murder of slain businessman and soccer administrator Victor Gamedze who was brutally gunned down last month at Galp Filling Station in Ezulwini.

According to media reports, his next appearance supposedly for hearing or arguments on his bail application is slated for February 14, which is coincidentally Valentine's Day before High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi.

Earlier this week, Shongwe appeared at the High Court before Judge Siphon Nkosi where he made an application to be admitted to bail. However, the crown is reported to have also filed its intention to oppose the granting of bail to Shongwe.

The state was opposing the urgent bail application by Shongwe.



**SECRET REMAND:** Businessman Siphon Shongwe.

Principal Crown Counsel Absalom Makhanya on Wednesday filed an intention to oppose notice.

High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi ordered that the crown should file its responding papers by Monday, and both the defence and crown file their heads of argument by 12 noon on the same date before the matter is brought back to court for argument on Valentine's Day.

Judge Nkosi also ordered that both counsels file their bundle of authorities with all their papers in order by Wednesday at 9am.

In his bail application, Shongwe submitted that he needs time to consult with his attorney of record Siphon Mnisi and the South African advocate in readiness for his trial, hence the urgency of the application before court.

## Phakama's son successfully challenges Observer article

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

**S**on to the late businessman Richard Phakama Dlamini, Dr Futhi, has successfully challenged an article which was published by the Observer on Saturday.

High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe handed down the judgment yesterday morning and stated that he considered the depreciation in monetary value as well as the sting in this matter.

According to Dr Futhi in his application, he had contended that the publication of the article that appeared in the 2015 edition had injured him as a reputable medical practitioner as well as a respectable businessman and that it had embarrassed, humiliated and degraded him as a person.

He had initially claimed for damages in the sum of E2 million for the

### • Dr Futhi Dlamini awarded E200 000 as damages for defamation

article which was in relation to his late father ((Phakama's) estate.

In its plea, the defendant (Swazi Observer) denied that the article was wrongful and defamatory of the plaintiff (Dr Futhi) and that it was understood by reasonable readers of the article to mean that the plaintiff was dishonest and untrustworthy in any of the respects referred to by plaintiff.

The defendant contended that an ordinary reasonable reader would understand the article to be an account by the defendant's sources of what the late Themba Richard Phakama Dlamini related to them about the plaintiff Muzi Dlamini and their mother Sarah (LaKunene).

## Observer legal team to look into judgment, appeal noted

**F**ollowing the judgment that was handed down by High Court Judge Nkululeko Hlophe yesterday morning, the Swazi Observer legal team stated that it is yet to go through the judgment and has noted an appeal against same.

Since Judge Hlophe only read the latter part of the judgment which was the order he issued, lawyer Zweli Shabangu immediately after the judgment stated

that they are yet to go through the judgment, but an appeal is noted as regard same.

### Denied

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During trial, the plaintiff only led one witness who only happened to be himself and in his testimony he told the court that the article published and complained of was published intentionally or recklessly in order to injure his good name.

This week, the Observer won a law suit against Alpheous Nxumalo who was demanding a sum of E500 000 for an alleged defamatory article.

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# SWAZI MOBILE BRINGS PRODUCTS TO TEACHERS

Stories by Sicelo Maziya

Swazi Mobile Corporate Communications Manager Macford Sibandze brought Swazi Mobile products to teachers as he joined former colleagues during the SNAT Mbabane branch meeting at the MDS Primary School yesterday.

Sibandze, a former teacher himself, shared different products that are provided by the new telecommunications company. He also disclosed to the branch members that they will never go wrong with the many products at Swazi Mobile. Sibandze told the teachers that leadership is all about the power of mobilisation and selling of any ideology. He stated that he is also a former member of Siteki Top branch in the Lubombo region.

Sibandze said teachers must take advantage of the packages available on Swazi Mobile to lobby for nomination as all its products are affordable even across



**PAINTED RED: SNAT Mbabane branch members with Swazi Mobile's Corporate Communications Manager Macford Sibandze after presenting various products during their meeting yesterday.**

the other networks. He further disclosed that Swazi Mobile is also lining a lot of products that are geared towards empowering Swazis. "I'm lucky to work for a company that value the Swazis as even in all our CSI we are focusing on something that will help the Swazi people. We are working on a proposal with SNAT

for art where we want to empower school with the skills in theatre as an alternative skill that can be explored in the learning curve of the pupil," said Sibandze.

Sibandze further said the theatre will form part of the self-realisation to the children and use such skills in paving

## Shareholders meeting on the cards

Macford Sibandze disclosed to teachers that many Swazis have responded to the Know Your Client (KYC) campaign that has also been postponed to enable loyal customers submit.

He said there would be a meeting where the esteemed shareholders will be briefed on many things concerning the shareholding and the likelihood of the breakeven for dividends to

be shared.

Sibandze further revealed that the company will list with the Swaziland Stock Exchange. He said the shareholders will know the stake they have with company and learn what the expectations are during the meeting exclusively for the shareholders of the company. He further invited clients of Swazi Mobile who qualify to submit their KYC to come enjoy the many benefits.

other opportunities in life that comes with the art industry. Sibandze also asked on the issues of network coverage on Swazi Mobile. "We are aware of the network challenges at the moment but the company is working on phase two of the network's needs. In 2017 our task was to secure network for the most densely populated areas and we achieved that and now we will be covering the gaps as we install towers to counter the current challenges". Sibandze disclosed that as a new company they know their survival

depends on the national coverage space they will ensure is achieved this year.

He acknowledged that for the mobile company to be successful, their life blood depends on reliable network coverage. He said Swazis must trust Swazi Mobile as they have achieved a lot within a short space of time. He further disclosed that for their services when one is roaming in RSA or any other country when one has an android phone it's always an automatic connection.

## WE DEMAND JOBS NOW - LUYENGO GRADUATES PETITION MINISTRY

By Sibusiso Gamedze

In a bold move that may see other government ministries being flooded with petitions from graduates from relevant programmes in their departments, yesterday University of Swaziland, Faculty of Agriculture in Luyengo ex-students petitioned the ministry of agriculture where they are demanding employment.

The group of over 50 from different parts of the country was led by Phasika Dlamini, former UNISWA

Student Representative Council President who said they braved the chilly weather and donned their expensive graduation gowns to march on the ministry.

Their petition was received by Bongani Masuku, Principal Secretary, who said he was determined to ensure that the issues contained in the petition were resolved as soon as possible, though he did not give timelines.

The graduates said whereas they wanted to be addressed by Minister Moses Vilakati himself as they had many burning questions and issues,

they were hopeful that PS Masuku would not "speak in a forked tongue," that the petition would be considered in their favour.

According to Dlamini, there currently were about 140 unemployed graduates from UNISWA-Luyengo that signed the petition and more would be added, allegedly due to the fact that they were being rejected by the Teaching Service Commission which previously employed them as contract teachers.

"TSC akasafuni, utsi asisibo bakhe, tsine ke sati kutsi make wetfu litiko

letekulima," loosely translated to mean the "TSC has disowned us and we know the ministry of agriculture to be the parent ministry for us". One of the graduates, who spoke on condition of anonymity as he feared being victimised should they be considered for employment, said they were made aware of the fact that some employees in the ministry of agriculture were UNISWA education graduates.

The graduate wondered as to how the ministry was employing education graduates while they languished at home without jobs yet they were

better placed to be considered for vacant positions.

He said it was very embarrassing that the ministry was failing to absorb UNISWA-Luyengo graduates whereas other ministries were recruiting them annually and even had lists of students from different tertiary institutions who served internships and were eventually hired on a regular basis.

"The ministry needs to explain its recruitment criteria to the nation because it looks like recruitment of staff is riddled with corruption and nepotism," said the graduate.

Sithembiso Mamba, an Animal Science graduate, said he graduated in 2013 and secured employment as a contract teacher with the TSC but unfortunately the contract expired, forcing him to retreat back home as he was no longer earning income.

He said he would love to find a job in the ministry of agriculture, especially as the country is facing many challenges considering the recent ban on beef imports to the EU.

He said it was also an insult to government that they were unemployed yet government invested millions in scholarships towards their education and, therefore, it boggles the mind why the ministry was failing to employ them. On a parting shot, the graduates expressed deep concern about the budget allocated to the ministry as it was counter-productive, they wondered why the budget for security forces ballooned every financial year, yet the most crucial ones diminished. "We hope that this year the budget allocation for agriculture will increase as we have noted with deep concern over the years that it was on a steep decline, yet the country is struggling with sustainable food security," he said.

Thobile Nhlabatsi, an Agronomy graduate, said their teaching contracts expired late last year and this year they were told that TSC was no longer engaging them as teachers.

Nhlabatsi said it was for that reason why she decided to join some of her colleagues in the march to deliver the petition. Mbongeni Dlamini from Ludzeldudze, said he graduated from UNISWA in 2004 over 13 years ago and has been on and off work as he was only employed as a contract teacher at Mbabane Central High School.

He said the contracts for teaching were not a permanent solution but he was forced to compromise by taking the job offer as nothing from the ministry of agriculture was forthcoming. He pleaded with Minister Vilakati to consider employing them as the country needed them in order to meet the Maputo Declaration on food security. Dlamini said they were made to feel like orphans by the ministry of education but were hopeful that their parent ministry would rescue them from squalor.



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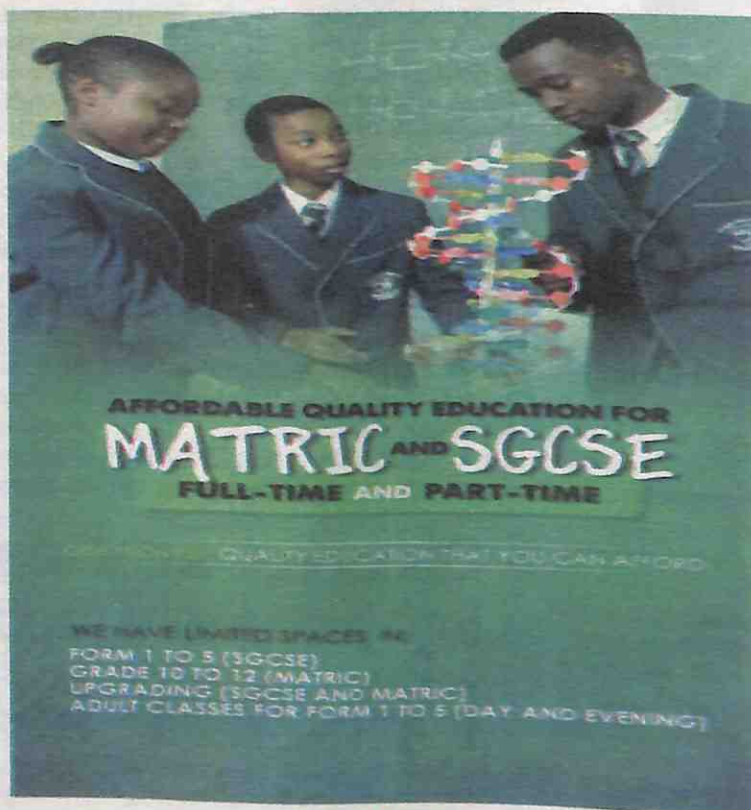
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**I'M HERE:** PHD Ministries founder Prophet Walter Magaya from Zimbabwe arrived in the country yesterday afternoon through King Mswati III International Airport. He was received by Princess Gcebile, Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini and Prince Lonkhokhela. (Pics: Bolo Mango, PHD Ministries Media and Simon Shabangu)



**PLANTING LIFE:** Prophet Magaya watered a tree on his visit at the old age home.



**THIS WAY:** Prince Lonkhokhela and Philani Maswati Chairman Lutfo Dlamini leading Prophet Magaya on a tour of the old age home which was an initiative by Her Majesty the Indlovukazi through Philani Maswati.

# ZIMBABWEAN PROPHET MAGAYA TOUCHES DOWN

By Simon Shabangu

Zimbabwean renowned Prophet Walter Magaya of Prophetic Healing and Deliverance (PHD) Ministries has said it is a good thing when leaders put God first in all they do because there will always be progress and prosperity for the people they lead.

He said His Majesty King Mswati III is setting a good example for the Swazi nation and the rest of the world by always seeking God's guidance before undertaking duties of the year and doing the same at the close of the year.

He was speaking in a brief interview with this publication before meeting Her Majesty the Indlovukazi at Ludzidzini Royal Residence.

The prophet is in the country at the invitation of His Majesty King Mswati III to minister the Word at today's beginning of year service to be staged at Mandvulo Grand Hall.

Prophet Magaya said he is in the country to minister peace, love and prosperity, something which Their Majesties always preach to the people.

"There is love, we are ministering



**HERE YOU GO:** Prince Lonkhokhela, Philani Chairman Lutfo Dlamini and Princess Gcebile extending a warm welcome to the Prophet.

peace, joy and progress in the different platforms. We need to change as Africa. Getting into beneficiation of technology as the King and the Queen Mother always emphasise, we are here to underline on the ministry that the King always preaches. I am here to minister the Word of God which I will also put into action for the benefit of the people of Swaziland. People are invited to join the service and hear God speak to their lives as I will also preach at the service," he said.

The prophet arrived after lunch through the King Mswati III International Airport and proceeded to the Old Age Home at Dvokolwako, which is still under construction.

## Pledged

His ministry pledged to build houses which are under construction for the benefit of the destitute elderly people of the country. He later proceeded to pay courtesy call on Her Majesty at Ludzidzini Royal Residence where they

had private talks. The prophet will be the King's special guest at the service.

This is the second time the prophet comes to the country as he recently visited and paid a courtesy call on Their Majesties. Before the prophet's arrival, his wife Tendai was the first to come to the country where the church donated over E1 million worth of food parcels to over 1 000 elderly and destitute people under Lobamba Inkhundla in December 2016. Prophetess Magaya visited again to meet Her Majesty in July where the church pledged over E300 000 for the construction of three houses at the old age home in Mantshonga in Dvokolwako. The construction of houses is almost complete as witnessed by the prophet on his arrival yesterday.

PHD Ministries is headquartered in Zimbabwe. The main goal is to bring physical, spiritual and eco-

nomical deliverance to all that are oppressed by the devil, based on Mark 16 vs 15-18. The church has over 1 800 non-paid voluntary ministry workers serving an average of 200 000 Christians in the area of prophetic, healing and deliverance on a weekly basis.

PHD Ministries is a Bible-based ministry which came to life after Prophet Magaya visited SCOAN NIGERIA. His mission was solely for God to shed light through the anointed Man of God Senior Prophet T.B Joshua on which business to take up from the 80 proposals he had written down. God had other plans as He spoke through a prophetic word informing him that he was destined to be in ministry. Prophet Magaya was obedient to the voice of God and dropped all his business interests to pursue his God given mission and this gave birth to PHD Ministries in October the same year.



**HOW ARE YOU:** The Prophet sharing a moment with one of the elderly people at the village.



**IN JESUS NAME:** The prophet also took time to pray for the people at KM III Airport on arrival.



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Application Form  
<http://www.uniswa.sz/sites/default/files/admissions/postgraduate2018.pdf>

Prospectus  
<http://www.uniswa.sz/sites/default/files/admissions/postgrad2018.pdf>

The closing date for the submission of applications is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.

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## Hit by negligent driver or not must be compensated

However the proposed amendments to this law prescribe that subject to Subsection (1), 'the total liability of the SMVA Fund under Section 10 in respect of a motor vehicle accident caused by the negligence of the driver or owner of a motor vehicle in which a person injured or killed was being conveyed as a passenger; for reward; in the course of the business of the owner or the driver of that motor vehicle; or in the case of an employee of the driver or owner of that motor vehicle, in respect of whom Subsection (6) does not apply, in the course of his employment of that employee, shall not exceed the sum of E300 000 or such other sum as the minister may, in consultation with the board, prescribe, in respect of a claim by an injured party and, the total liability for claims by all claimants shall be limited to the sum of E3.5m irrespective of the number of claimants.'

The law further provides that, notwithstanding Subsection (5), where a claim is for a loss of income and support, the said person is to be paid the said claim and shall be paid on a monthly basis R8 000 where such sum has been proved to the satisfaction of the SMVA Fund.

Furthermore wherein the income cannot be proved by the claimant to the satisfaction of the SMVA Fund, the SMVA Fund shall use the industry standard or the informal sector minimum wage of the said deceased as a basis for the calculation of the income support benefit due subject to the total maximum prescribed in this section.

## General damages stand at E300 000

The total liability of the SMVA under Section 10 in respect of general damages shall not exceed the sum of E300 000 per claim, or such other sum as the minister may, in consultation with the board, prescribe.

For loss of support the claim stands at E350 000 maximum in respect of a dependant which shall be paid on a maximum of E8 000 per month depending on the income of the deceased person.

# MVA BILL: TOTAL BENEFITS UP TO E3.5M

Stories by Ackel Zwane

An amendment into the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund calls for an increase of up to E3 500 000 total in claims albeit irrespective of the number of dependants. This is according to the Amendment Bill of 2017 currently being circulated among stakeholders for input. The proposed amendments are subject to Section

...Inhuman archaic law that shifted large portions of blame on victims of motor vehicle now under process of being reviewed and the public is called upon to make submissions in all four regions of the country

10 (1) which says the total liability of the Sincemphetelo MVA Fund in respect of a motor vehicle accident caused by the negligence of a driver or owner of a motor vehicle in the case of a person who was being conveyed in the motor vehicle concerned under circumstances

other than those referred to in Subsection 4, shall not exceed the sum of E300 000 in respect of loss of income and the cost of accommodation in a hospital or nursing home, treatment, provision of service or goods as a result of bodily injury to or the death of one such

person, plus the cost of recovering such benefits but excluding the payment of benefits in respect of any other loss or damage and, the total benefits for claims by all dependants shall be limited to the sum of E3 500 000 irrespective of the number of dependants.

## ... Up to E1m per claim

The new law also provides for compensation of up to E1 million per single claim as opposed to a cap of the same amount as previously provided for by the principal at in 2011.

The 2011 amendments introduced a E1 million cap on all claims. However, in recent years there has been a rise in voices that felt that the cover could further be improved.

After the announcement by the prime minister, Cabinet instructed the minister of finance to look into reviewing the SMVA Fund Cover.

Says SMVAF Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Helmon Vilakati 'accordingly, this public and stakeholder consultation exercise is part

of that process that seeks to ensure that all views are taken into account prior to the tabling of the Bill.'

He notes that the objectives and reasons for the amendments were to provide for the removal of the disparity between claimants; to increase the overall limits and liability of the SMVAF and the introduction of new categories; to review the benefit limits as set out under Section 10 and 11 of the Act; and to ensure the benefits are determined on the basis of individual claims submitted rather than on aggregate basis.

He further emphasises that in the undertaking of the review process, the fund would remain as a fault based compensation scheme, except when pertaining to the funeral benefit scheme.



PART OF THE PROCESS: SMVAF Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Helmon Vilakati.

## Enter Workmen's Compensation

Where the loss or damage referred to in Section 10 is suffered as a result of bodily injury or death of an employee and the claimant is entitled to compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1983 or its successor, in respect of such injury or death; the liability of

the SMVA Fund, in respect of the bodily injury to or death of such employee shall be limited in total to the sum representing the difference between the amount which that employee could, but

for the provision of this paragraph, have claimed from the fund or the amount to which that employee is entitled by way of compensation under the Act; the total liability of the fund, in connection with any

one occurrence to pay a benefit under (above) to claimants shall be limited to the sum of E350 000 per claim per person, subject to whose bodily injuries or deaths were caused by or arose out of that occurrence; and the fund shall not be liable under the Workmen's Compensation Act, for the amount of the compensation to which any such claimant is entitled under that Act.



### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CONSENT IN TERMS OF THE EZULWINI TOWN PLANNING SCHEME OF 2008

I Tuire Thacker, the owner of the property in question, hereby make a Public Notice in terms of Clause 1.5 of the 2008 Ezulwini Town Planning Scheme, that I wish to apply for a SPECIAL CONSENT to establish a small scale craft distillery on the remainder of portion 69 of farm 51.

Any one having an objection to this application may lodge their objections, in writing, with the Ezulwini Town Board at P. O. Box 344, Ezulwini, Swaziland not later than the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018, that is 21 days from the last publication of the Notice namely on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR RE-ZONING IN TERMS OF THE NHLANGANO TOWN PLANNING SCHEME OF 2012

I Mr. R. Carmichael owner of the property in question, hereby make a public notice in terms of clause 1.5 of the 2012 Nhlanguano Town Planning Scheme that I wish to apply for the rezoning of plot 772 Nhlanguano from residential plot to business plot.

Anyone having objection to this application may lodge their objections, in writing, with the Municipality Council of Nhlanguano at P.O Box 888, Nhlanguano S400, Swaziland and the proprietor at P.O Box 583.

Nhlanguano not later than 21 days from today, which is 22 February 2018.

## Come one, come all for

Members of the public and stakeholders of the Sincemphetelo Motor Vehicle Accident Fund (SMVAF) are invited to a series of consultative meetings to be held at the four regions of the Kingdom of Swaziland to comment and air their views on the proposed amendments of the MVA Act, 2018. The consultations will start on Tuesday.

The process to amend the Act was initiated after an announcement was made by the head of government in Parliament, that there should be a review of the MVA Act in view of public sentiments

towards the obtaining limits. News of the consultative exercise were announced by SMVAF Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Helmon Vilakati who said the fund would appreciate the views of all the fund's stakeholders and the public at large before the Bill is tabled in Parliament by the Honourable Minister for Finance, Martin Dlamini.

'You will recall that the fund amended its principal Act in 2011, and began compensating road accident victim under a new dispensation, mainly moving from lump sum payments to a deferred payment system, among other changes.

The 2011 amendments introduced a E1 million cap on all claims. However, in recent years there has been a rise in voices that felt that the cover could further be improved.

### Announcement

After the announcement by the prime minister, Cabinet instructed the minister of finance to look into reviewing the SMVA Fund Cover.

'Accordingly, this public and stakeholder consultation exercise is part of that process that seeks to ensure that all views are taken into account prior to the tabling of the Bill,' he said.



# Something for the driver

Total liability in respect of a driver of a motor vehicle shall be limited to medical treatment, consultation, hospitalisation and rehabilitation which shall not exceed E300 000.

A dependent of a driver referred to in 17(a) shall be entitled to claim for medical treatment, consultation, hospitalisation and rehabilitation if they have suffered injury as a result of a motor vehicle accident contemplated in this Act and shall not exceed E300 000 in anyone claim or E3.5m in respect of a number of claimants.

Dependents for the purpose of this section, is any person being spouse or minor child of such a person, a member of the household, a disabled or indigent person legally entitled to support by the driver or is being supported by the driver of the said motor vehicle as the case may be who was being driven or concerned by the motor vehicle concerned. Subject of Subsection 13, the limitations specified in this section shall be exclusive of any order for costs as may be made by a court, or the costs of obtaining any medical or legal report or of procuring any expert opinion or advice.

## Payable

The benefits payable to a driver shall be reduced by 50 per cent where it is proved that the blood alcohol level of such driver exceeded the limit prescribed under the Road Traffic Act, 2007 or its successor, or that he was, at the time of the accident in question, driving under the influence of a drug as defined under the Opium and Habit-forming Drugs Act, 1922, or Medicines And Related Substances Control Act, 2016, or successors.

The benefits otherwise payable in respect of a person injured or killed in a motor vehicle accident, shall be reduced by 25 per cent, where such was: at the time of the accident not wearing a seat belt fitted to the vehicle for such purpose; or not seated in or on a seat specifically designed for, and affixed permanently to, the vehicle.

The benefits payable to the driver shall be reduced by 50 per cent where the said driver was in unlawful possession or use of the vehicle or where the vehicle was defective, irrespective of whether or not such possession, use or defect contributed the cause of the vehicle accident in question, and the same reduction shall apply to any passenger in the vehicle if it is proved that the passenger had knowledge or ought to have known of such unlawful possession or defect.

The minister acting on the advice of the fund and subject to confirmation by Parliament may, by notice published in the Gazette, adjust the amounts referred to in this section annually, in order to counter the effects of inflation. The fund shall, where it has borne the costs of obtaining any medical or legal report or of procuring any expert opinion or advice deduct such costs from the benefits payable to a claimant under this Act, if the offer being made to the claimant is rejected and an award is issued in favour of the fund as the case may be, on the offered amount.

## Injured

Section 10 of the Act, which provides basis of the cover, reads as follows: "The MVA Fund shall... be utilised for the purposes of compensating any injured persons, or in the event of death, any dependant of the deceased or where reasonable funeral expenses only is payable, the relatives of the deceased... for any loss or damage which the third party has suffered as a result of:

- (a) any bodily injury to himself;
- (b) the death of or any bodily injury to any person;

Which in either case is caused by or arises out of the driving of any motor vehicle by any other person at any place in Swaziland and the injury or death is due to the negligence or other unlawful acts of the person driving the motor vehicle... or the owner of the motor vehicle or his servant in the execution of his duty."

## national MVA vuselas

Vilakati highlighted that the objectives and reasons for the amendments were to provide for the removal of the disparity between claimants; to increase the overall limits and liability of the SMVAF and the introduction of new categories; to review the benefit limits as set out under Section 10 and 11 of the Act; and to ensure the benefits are determined on the basis of individual claims submitted rather than on aggregate basis.

Vilakati emphasised that in the undertaking of the review process, the fund would remain as a fault based compensation scheme, except when pertaining to the funeral benefit scheme.

"We urge the public and all our

stakeholders to come out in their numbers to support this review exercise and we have secured a number of venues across the country where interested parties will be granted access to peruse the document and make submissions accordingly. All this will be communicated in due course and notices and adverts will be placed across various media platforms as well as across the fund's website and social media platforms," he said.

He further pleaded for cooperation from all stakeholders because this was an important assignment which is aimed at enhancing the livelihoods of individuals who were victims of road traffic accidents.

# CJ's statement in effect, senseless murder suspect admitted to E150 000 bail

Stories by Sandile Nkambule

It seems the recent statement made by the Chief Justice Bheki Maphalala imploring judicial officers to review bail admissions in as far as premeditated murder cases are on the rise in the country has effects, as the man who allegedly senselessly killed his lover's father was yesterday admitted to E150 000 bail by the High Court.

High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi who was in fact reluctant to admit the 78-year-old former Ndzingeni High School principal and now businessman Dumisani Mfana Mkhonta of Mshingishingini to bail as he was concerned in the manner the suspect allegedly committed the offence.

Judge Nkosi wondered how a man of Mkhonta's age would go to another man's homestead, pick up that man's wife and daughter at night in his presence and further kill him.

Judge Nkosi who even summoned traditional authorities from Ekudwaleni area at Ndzingeni in the Hhohho Region yesterday expressed his shock and dismay on how the deceased Bekithemba Khayile was killed at his own homestead by a man who had come to take his wife and daughter without his consent at night.

Judge Nkosi wondered why Mkhonta did not drive off in his vehicle upon seeing that the deceased was angered by the fact that his wife and daughter were being taken by another man at night without his

- Former Ndzingeni principal who shot and killed lover's dad has been ordered to pay E50 000 cash, E100 000 in a form of surety
- Murder suspects had been gaining their freedom at E50 000 and only pay between E3 000, E5 000 and E10 000 cash and the rest in the form of surety
- The CJ recently made a statement during the official opening of the legal calendar to the effect that granting of bail for murder especially premeditated murder which is on the rise should be reviewed by judicial officers.



WONDERS: High Court Judge Siphon Nkosi.

approval.

Judge Nkosi who was reluctant to admit the suspect to bail wondered why Mkhonta went to pick up someone's wife at her marital homestead at night while her hus-

band was even present and further wondered why he was carrying a gun which he eventually used in the murder.

"What was he doing really when he went to pick someone's wife at the deceased's residence further demanding the deceased's daughter, this is totally unSwazi, he even failed to drive off in his car when the deceased fought him away but instead he went for his gun in the car and shot the deceased, I will not give him bail," Judge Nkosi said.

It took Pigg's Peak based lawyer Sabelo 'Chicken' Dlamini two days to convince Judge Nkosi that his client (Mkhonta) is entitled to bail as he submitted that he is a sickly person who was also injured during the fatal incident and that he needs medical attention.

The crown represented by Nomkhosi Dlamini was initially opposing the bail application but later changed its attitude.

Judge Nkosi after a lengthy hearing, eventually granted Mkhonta bail which was fixed at the sum of E150 000 with the E50 000 expected to be paid in cash and the rest in a form of a surety.

## How I shot and killed deceased - former principal

According to Mkhonta in his urgent bail application, he was arrested by the Pigg's Peak Police on January 27, 2018 and was subsequently charged with the murder of Khayile at Ekudwaleni area.

In his affidavit, he submitted that he had gone to the deceased's homestead to pick up and transport the wife and daughter of the deceased to a funeral scheduled for a Sunday.

Mkhonta stated that whilst parked at the deceased's yard waiting for the two to get inside his vehicle, the deceased

emerged and immediately attacked him using an iron rod to hit him several times on the head.

"I immediately pulled out my firearm and fired warning shots in the air but the deceased charged at me in anger hence I unintentionally shot directly at him in fear of my life," Mkhonta submitted.

He further stated that to show his remorse he contributed an amount of E19 000 towards the deceased's funeral expenses.

He pleaded with the court to release

him on bail since he is a sickly person and was injured during the fatal incident claiming he needs medical attention. However, Judge Nkosi said this is no problem as the Correctional Services officers can take him to the Mbabane Government Hospital if need be.

By the time this report was compiled yesterday afternoon, Mkhonta was still in custody as his relatives were seen having a meeting outside the court immediately after he was granted bail obviously looking into ways of raising the E50 000.

## Doom Pastor found guilty

JOHANNESBURG - Lethebo Rabalao, popularly known as the Doom Pastor, has been found guilty on four charges of assault.

Rabalao used an insecticide on congregants, claiming that he was instructed by God to heal them.

The controversial Limpopo pas-

tor has also been found guilty on three charges of contravening the Agricultural Act by spraying an insecticide on people.

## Videos

He made headlines in 2016 when videos of him surfaced, leading the health department in the province to lay charges against him. eNCA



GUILTY: Pastor Lethebo Rabalao.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL CONSENT IN TERMS OF THE MANZINI TOWN PLANNING SCHEME OF 2013

We Zhong Tian (Pty) Ltd, the owners of the property in question, hereby make a Public Notice in terms of Clause 1.5 of the 2013 Manzini Town Planning Scheme that We wish to apply for SPECIAL CONSENT to establish 4 Units of Double Storey Flats (4 x 2 bedroom flats) on No. 264 of Portion 5, Sterksroom, Manzini. Anyone having objection to this application may lodge their objections in writing with the Municipal Council of Manzini at P.O. Box 418, Manzini M200, Swaziland not later than 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2018, that is 21 days from the late publication of the notice namely on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2018.



# SD 11th richest country

Compiled by Ackel Zwane

Swaziland is among top 20 richest countries in Africa in 2018 based on GDP per capita.

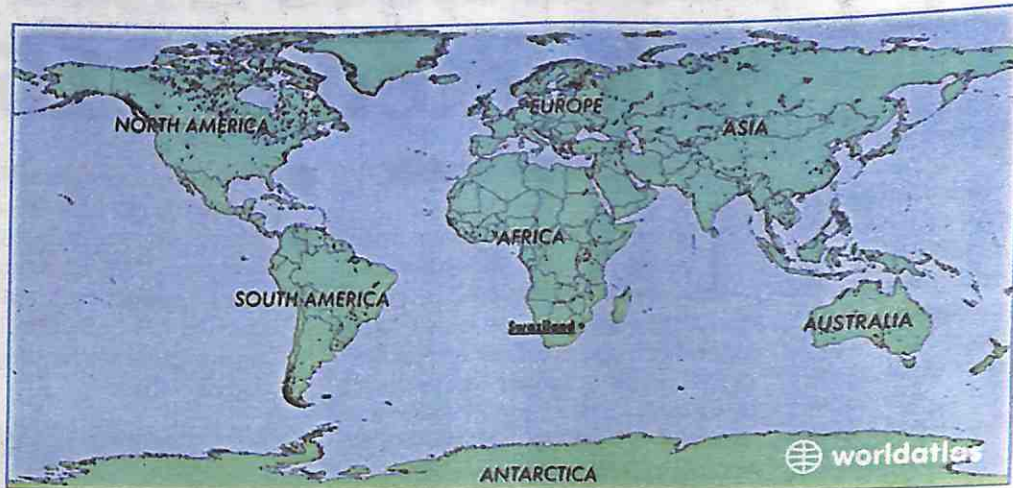
Africa is blessed with vast amounts of mineral reserve. These include gold, cobalt, platinum, chromium, manganese, diamond, uranium and many more. Unfortunately, many African countries have been unable to harness these resources into great wealth.

However, there are still a handful of African countries that have done otherwise. We've compiled a list of some of these richest African countries based on their GDP per capita.

## 1. EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Equatorial Guinea Among The Richest African Countries By GDP per capita 2018

Based on its GDP per capita of \$36 515,



Equatorial Guinea is the richest country in Africa. Oil discovery in this nation in 1996 was the event that turned the economy around.

## 2. GABON

Gabon ranks as the second richest country in Africa with a GDP per capita of \$15 960.

## 3. BOTSWANA

The Government of Botswana has been able to channel the country's revenue from diamonds into development. Botswana's GDP per capita is \$14 753.

## 4. MAURITIUS

Mauritius is the fastest growing wealth market in Africa. One of the major factors that have promoted growth is the favourable government policies. In fact, Mauritius is ranked number one in Africa in terms of ease of doing business.

## 5. SOUTH AFRICA

One-third of Africa's 50 richest individuals are South Africans. The overall GDP of this country is \$555 000 000 000

## 6. LIBYA

Crude oil accounts for a large portion of Libya's revenue. Their GDP per capita stands at \$10 129 and the overall GDP is \$66 941 000 000

## 7. TUNISIA

The gross domestic value of Tunisia is over \$100 billion dollars.

## 8. ALGERIA

This is another Northern Africa country that ranks among the top richest with a GDP per capita of \$8 715.

## 9. NAMIBIA

Namibia is another country on the list with a GDP per capita \$6 826.

## 10. EGYPT

With a gross domestic value of over \$500 billion, Egypt is one of the richest countries in Africa. Although recent crises in Egypt has affected the economy of the country, their GDP per capita still stands at \$6 324.

## 11. SWAZILAND

The GDP per capita of Swaziland stands at \$6 099. ([bestsouthafrica.net](http://bestsouthafrica.net))

### NOTICE:

### PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

BILL NO. .... OF 2018

(To be presented by the Honourable Minister for Finance)

Members of the Public and Stakeholders of the Sincephetelo Motor Vehicle Accidents Fund (SMVAF) are invited to a series of consultative meetings to be held at the four Districts of the Kingdom of Swaziland to comment and air their views on the proposed amendments of the Act, 2018.

The Objects and Reasons for the Amendments are to provide for:

- The removal of the disparity between claimants;
- Increasing the overall limits and liability of the SMVAF and introduction of new categories;
- To review the benefit limits set out under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Act;
- To ensure the benefits are determined on the basis of individual claims submitted rather than on aggregate basis.
- In undertaking the review, the Fund remains as a fault based compensation scheme except for funeral benefit.

Copies of the draft Bill can be viewed at the venues listed below:

<b>HHohho:</b>	MVA Headquarters Mbabane Ezulwini Town Council Ebuhleni Police Post	Ngwenya Town Board Pigg's Peak Town Council Mbabane Library
<b>Manzini:</b>	MVA Manzini Branch Mankayane Town Board	Manzini Library Matsapha Town Council
<b>Lubombo:</b>	Siteki Town Council Big Bend Police Station	Vuvulane Town Board
<b>Shiselweni:</b>	Nhlangano Town Board Lavumisa Town Board	Hlatikhulu Town Board Hluti Police Station

The dates and venues are as follows:

REGION	DATE	TOWN	VENUE	TIME
Hhohho	Tuesday, 13 Feb	Pigg's Peak	Town Council Chambers	8:30am
Hhohho	Friday, 23 Feb	Mbabane	MVA Fund Headquarters	8:30am
Lubombo	Monday, 19 Feb	Mhlume	Hambanathi Hall	8:30am
Lubombo	Wednesday, 21 Feb	Big Bend	Matata Conference Hall	8:30am
Shiselweni	Monday, 26 Feb	Nhlangano	Evelyn Baring High school	8:30am
Shiselweni	Wednesday, 28 Feb	Hluti	Hluti Police Station	8:30am
Manzini	Monday, 5 March	Manzini	Manzini Library	8:30am
Manzini	Wednesday, 7 March	Mankayane	Regional Offices	8:30am

Members of the public who wish to make comments but will not be able to attend any of the presentations may download the draft Bill at [www.mva.org.sz](http://www.mva.org.sz) and send written comments to [bill2018@mva.org.sz](mailto:bill2018@mva.org.sz)

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## ...Neither here nor there in world indices

With the release of lists of the world's most and least corrupt countries, in particular, Swaziland seems not to be attracting any world attention this time round.

Statistics released by Transparency International elections held across Africa in 2016 provide a good reflection of corruption trends in the region.

The Corruption Perceptions Index ranks countries and territories based on how corrupt their public sector is perceived to be.

A country or territory's rank indicates its position relative to the other countries and territories in the index.

This page provides the latest reported value for - Swaziland Corruption Rank - plus previous releases, historical high and low, short-term forecast and long-term prediction, economic calendar, survey consensus and news.

Swaziland Corruption Rank - actual data, historical chart and calendar of releases - was last updated on February of 2018.

Actual	Previous	Highest	Lowest	Dates	Unit	Frequency
69.00	82.00	121.00	69.00	2005 - 2014	Yearly	

Paul Banoba, making a regional (Sub-Saharan Africa) analysis says in countries like Ghana, which is the second worst decliner in the 2016 Corruption Perceptions Index in the region, the dissatisfaction of citizens with the government's corruption record was reflected in their voting at the polls.

South Africa, which continues to stagnate this year, has witnessed the same. Joseph Kabila's Democratic Republic of Congo and Yahya Jammeh's Gambia, which both declined, demonstrate how electoral democracy is tremendously challenged in African countries because of corruption.



# in Africa

## THE GOOD

Cape Verde and São Tomé and Príncipe are the most improved African countries in the 2016 index.

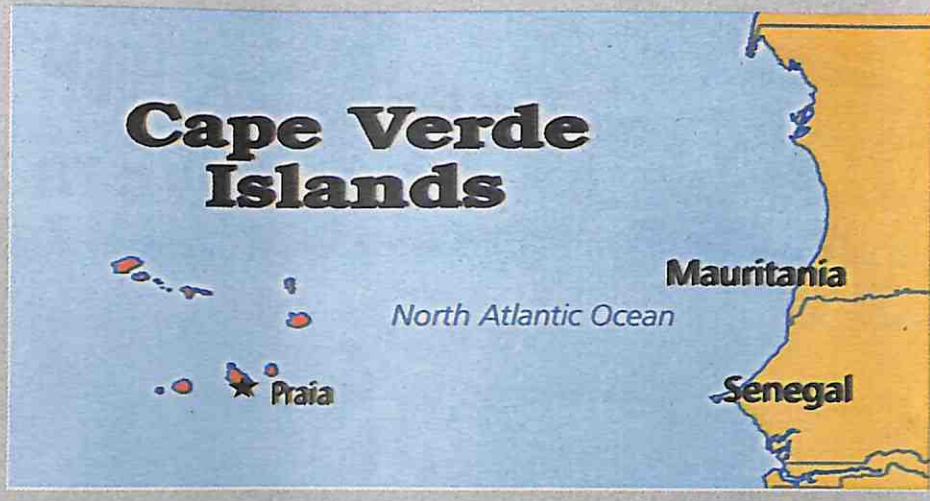
Both countries held democratic presidential elections in 2016.

It is no surprise that the independent electoral observer teams labelled the Cape Verde elections for 2016 as "exemplary".

This election that saw Jorge Carlos Fonseca re-elected, was held in a framework of a continuously improving integrity system, as observed by various African governance reviews.

In São Tomé and Príncipe elections held in July 2016 led to a smooth change of government, which is increasingly a challenge in the African region.

- Republic of Botswana
- Cape Verde
- Mauritius
- Rwanda
- Namibia
- Democratic Republic of Sao Tome & Principe
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Ghana
- Burkina Faso
- Tunisia
- Lesotho



## THE BAD

Despite being a model for stability in the region, Ghana, together with another six African countries, has significantly declined.

The rampant corruption in Ghana led citizens to voice their frustrations through the election, resulting in an incumbent president losing for the first time in Ghana's history.

Some other large African countries have failed to improve their scores on the index by a statistically significant amount.

These include South Africa, Nigeria, Tanzania and Kenya. South African President Jacob Zuma was in court and in the media for corruption scandals.

This included his own appeal against findings in a report by then Public Prosecutor Thuli Madonsela, regarding undue public spending in his private homestead in Nkandla.

Kenya – despite the adoption of a few anti-corruption measures including passing a law on the right to information – has a long way to go. President Uhuru expressed frustration that all his anti-corruption efforts were not yielding much.

He may need new strategies as Kenyan citizens go to the polls in 2017.

Right at the bottom of the list is Somalia, whose parliamentary elections were marred by malpractice and corruption, and whose presidential elections were postponed three times last year and are yet to be held.

We have defined Corruption as "dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, typically involving bribery."

Africa as a continent is one of the biggest and most blessed lands in the world; it has all types of resources and raw materials.

Mismanagement, selfishness, lack of honest leadership won some of our nations an award of ranking top on the most corrupt countries in Africa and the world.

A good soil for farming and considerable climate for all kinds of investments. But coming back to reality, it has been the other way round.

We (Africans) have been left behind by other continents by a mile simply because we have successfully produced the most corrupt countries in Africa and outside world.

For those who would not want to get to the details, the list below shows the top 10 most corrupt African countries.

- Sierra Leone
- Liberia
- Kenya
- Libya
- Zimbabwe
- Mozambique
- Cameroon
- Angola
- Equatorial Guinea
- Uganda

We have reached a point where we look like second-class people all down to the development and economic status. Some countries like South Africa may isolate herself and rightly so deserve a huge shout for their work, but is South Africa corruption free?

Corruption has skyrocketed over the past few years and placed itself on the summit as the common enemy in the world, hindering development and growth of majority countries not only in Africa but also across the globe.

## WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN

African leaders that come to office on an "anti-corruption ticket" will need to live up to their pledges to deliver corruption-free services to their citizens.

They must implement their commitments to the principles of governance, democracy and

human rights.

This includes strengthening the institutions that hold their governments accountable, as well as the electoral systems that allow citizens to either re-elect them or freely choose an alternative. (The Nerve)

# KING MOURNS TAIWAN EARTHQUAKE TRAGEDY

By Bodwa Mbingo

His Majesty King Mswati III has joined the world in mourning the tragedy that has befallen the people of the Republic of China on Taiwan in the form of a devastating earthquake that took place in that country this week.

Through a statement by Prime Minister Sibusiso Dlamini, the King relayed a message of sympathy to President Tsai Ing Wen, the Taiwan government and people of that country following the devastating earthquake, which has claimed lives and caused massive destruction.

It was reported this week that at least nine people were killed and 270 injured when the magnitude 6.4 quake struck late on Tuesday 22 kilometres (13 miles) north of the city of Hualien.

It also damaged bridges and buckled roads in and around Hualien, a city on the island's north-eastern shores.

A magnitude 5.7 earthquake further shook the already devastated tourist town in the early hours of Thursday.

Eight people were still unaccounted for in

Hualien on Thursday afternoon, all of whom were believed to have been living or temporarily staying at the now badly damaged and tilting Yun Men Tsui Ti building, officials said.

"I have it in command by His Majesty, King Mswati III, Her Majesty the Queen Mother, and on behalf of the government and the Kingdom of Swaziland, as well as on my own, to express our sincere heartfelt grief and deepest sympathy on learning about the recent devastating earthquake at Hualien City, Taiwan, which claimed many lives, massive destruction of buildings and properties, displacement of people and disruption of family ties.

It is our fervent hope and prayer that the Almighty God will comfort the president, relatives and friends of the Government and the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) during this hour of bereavement and give the nation the strength needed to rebuild," read the statement.

The statement further pledged that the country's ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Taiwanese the assurances of its highest consideration.



Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority (SIPA) is a Category A Public Enterprise and invites suitable Swazi registered companies to express their interest to be registered in the Authority's supplier's database for the supply of products and services in the following categories:

### Category A

- A1 Stationery
- A2 Cartridges and Toners
- A3 Printing

### Category B

- B1 Advertising and Graphic Design Specialist
- B2 Promotional Material and Corporate Gifts
- B3 Production of Television Adverts & General Video recording

### Category C

- C1 Office Fittings
- C2 Office Furniture
- C3 Office Equipment and Air Conditioners
- C4 Computer Hardware, Software and Accessories

### Category D

- D1 Air Travel Agents
- D2 Transport Hire- Sedans, Van, Kombi, Quantum, Mini Truck, etc.

### Category E

- E1 Consumables and Spares for brush cutters
- E2 Plumbing materials
- E3 Road marking paints
- E4 Tyres and Tubes
- E5 Electrical Consumables
- E6 Supply of Building Material
- E7 Servicing of firefighting, sports and recreational facility equipment

### Category F

- F1 Farm Chemicals
- F2 Land scaping

### Category G

- G1 Toilet Paper
- G3 Litter bins
- G4 Cleaning Services providers

### Category I

- I1 Courier Services

- I2 Car tracking services
- I3 Security services

### Category J

- K1 Software maintenance
- K2 Internet service; web hosting & networking
- K3 Biometric system
- K4 Sound stage & lighting
- K5 Conference system
- K6 Audio advert
- K7 Digital signage
- K8 Branding
- K9 IT Services

The application for Expression of Interest should include the following:

1. Full names and contact details of Directors and Shareholders.
2. Company Business Profile
3. Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation
4. Certified copy of current Form J
5. Certified copy of Form C
6. Certified copy of current relevant Trading License
7. Certified copy of current Department of Labour Certificate of Compliance
8. Certified copy of current SNPF Employer's compliance Clearance Certificate
9. Current Tax Clearance Certificate
10. VAT Registration where applicable

Companies should submit the required Expression of Interest by close of business on the 08<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. To be delivered at our offices, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Sibekelo Building 1, North Wing, Mbabane.

Submissions should be marked "Confidential" and state the Category. They should be addressed to:

The Procurement Office (Finance Department)  
Swaziland Investment Promotion Authority  
P. O. BOX 4194  
Mbabane

\* Electronic submissions will not be acceptable. If you don't get correspondence before 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018, consider your proposal unsuccessful.



## Lawyers make the final push but say nothing moves

Attorneys SM Kubheka filed a notice of motion at the High Court on 22 September 2017 "revoking the appointment of Amos Matimakhulu as both curator ad litem and curator bonis for his late brother's child, Moses Wonder Mahumane which was granted on 8th March, 2013."

This was accompanied by a confirmatory affidavit by the child's mother Nomie who wrote "I confirm that I the mother of Moses Wonder Mahumane who is under my custody and my guardianship, the Mother Vehicle Accident Fund has informed me that it would feel more comfortable if the claim for the loss of support for the aforesaid child arising out of the death of his father was pursued by myself in person."

It was in the strength of same that the court ruled that "having heard counsel for the applicant, an order is hereby granted; revoking the appointment of the applicant Amos Matimakhulu as both curator ad litem and curator bonis for his late brother's child, Moses Wonder Mahumane which was granted in terms of the above Honourable Court's Order of the 8th March, 2013."

## Mother screams for rights of her orphan

Nomie says she can hardly send her hand under the nose because of poverty with jobs being hard to come by.

The little she had been able to gather over the years she has been struggling to send home where the child lives with her parents to at least help him acquire some education.

But this has not been enough because the expectations that his money would one day be released by MVA had kept hitting snag to this very date despite a court order issued last September, nearly half a school calendar year ago.

### Promised

"I took the court order to MVA where they promised to call me but nothing has materialised until now and it would not be long before they send my child home due to fees outstanding."

I have a serious challenge in raising the money for my son and this becomes heart-breaking when one knows that my child's money is being kept somewhere for reasons unknown to us even after the courts had ruled in his favour.

To think of how tragically his father died and now his funds are locked somewhere, it is double jeopardy not only to me but to the child.

At least let them pay the fees and then do the process of the other stuff whatever it is just so the child can enjoy growing up and going to school like the other children in this country."

# STILL NO MVA FOR 2002 FATAL CRASH, CHILD TO BE KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL

...But MVA not to blame for delays, already processing claim after complete documentation was only submitted recently

Stories by Ackel Zwane

After waiting for nearly two decades for the release of compensation moneys due him following the fatal crashing of his father's car on Jika Majika bus near Riders Ranch back in 2002, an orphan beneficiary is failing to pay fees for his high school education despite that his father was covered by the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund. Already there is a court order in favour of Nomie Nombulelo Mndzebele, the mother of the child, issued High Court Judge Titus Mlangeni clearing all other impediments that were cited as responsible for the withholding of the moneys from the beneficiary.

However MVA Corporate Communications Manager Makhoselangi Magongo says "kindly be advised that the fund recently received a copy of the court order from the claimant. Our claims department is finalising the matter and will be contacting the claimant soon."

The brother to the deceased Amos Matimakhulu has since been removed as curator ad litem and curator bonis for his late brother's child which had been granted in terms of an order of the High Court dated 8 March 2013. The deceased left children of different mothers who all had interest in the estate including Amos in his capacity as the senior brother.

In all there were four minors, the deceased sired two minors from same woman and the others each with a separate mother. The mother of the two children is Emilia Albino Sumbi. Nomie Mndzebele is the mother of this one afflicted survivor whose moneys at issue with the MVA.

Notably Matimakhulu had earlier agreed to delete his name as the curator letting the mothers to proceed with the claim. Mndzebele from Swaziland has also submitted written proofs that she is the surviving parent to look after the rights of the child including his share of the MVA claim.

She filed such papers in April last

year in what she thought was the last of her missiles in the battle to have moneys due to her children for their education released.

In lieu of a background in October 2004 the MVA asked all the interested parties in the claim through lawyers SM Kubheka & Associates that "without admitting liability on the merits but solely for purposes of expediting settlement of the claim

kindly provide us with the following standard documents in respect of the following classes of claims. Please follow the applicable list: proof of loss of income or letter from employer; certified copy of birth certificates of minor child or children; proof of hospital and or medical expenses e.g. receipts. On loss of support

of support claims-certified copy of deceased's death certificate, certified copy of marriage certificate, certified copy of deceased's birth certificate, certified copy of surviving spouse's birth certificate, certified copy of birth certificate of all deceased's dependants, copy of

income or letter from employer. On funeral expenses a certified copy of death certificate, proof of expenses incurred e.g. receipts, and or breakdown of same, sworn affidavit in respect of expenses incurred where there are no receipts available, certified copy of proof of relationship between claimant and deceased."

Mndzebele and Matimakhulu claim they did all in their powers to submit the much

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"kindly be advised that the fund recently received a copy of the court order from the claimant. Our claims department is finalising the matter and will be contacting the claimant soon."

needed papers with MVA together with costs of burial and other paraphernalia. However the claim got complicated until Matimakhulu filed affidavits to the court to which he obtained an order as in 2010 that "the applicant A m o s Mantimakhulu be

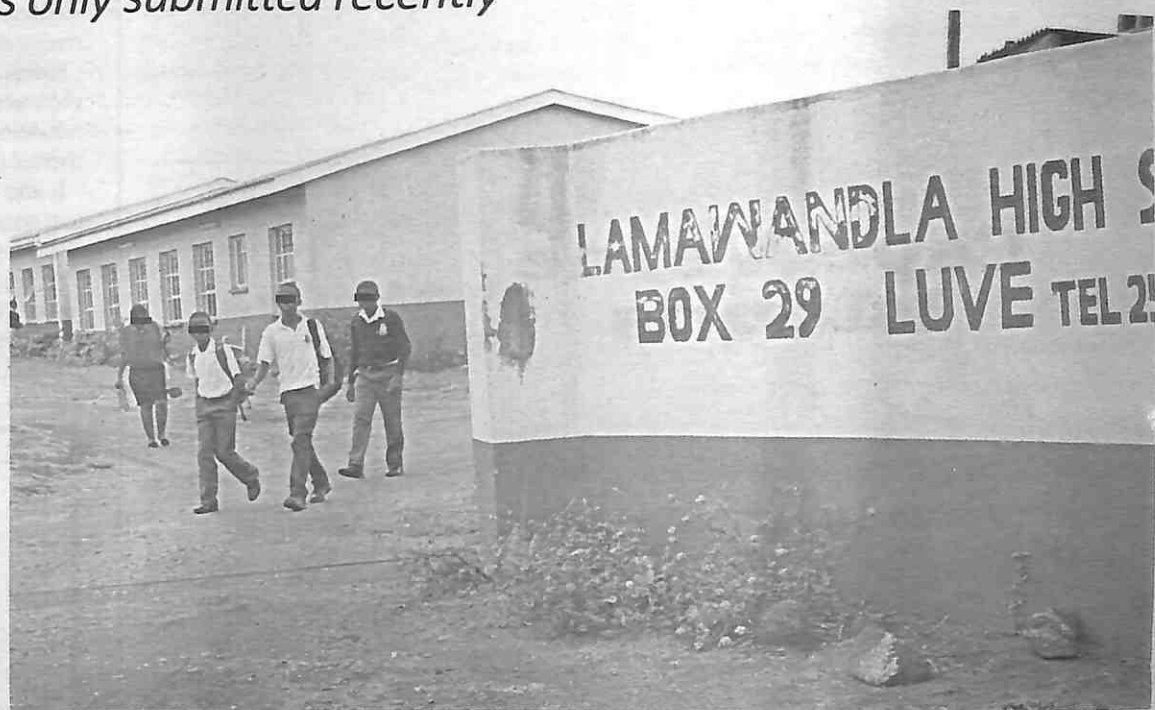
and is hereby appointed curator ad litem and curator bonis for his late brother's children namely; Sifiso Frederico Mahomane, Celeste Jenny Kred Mhomane, Tomas Frede Mahomane and Moses Wonder Mahomane, to pursue and to monitor the affairs of their deceased's father.

The applicant is hereby appointed curator ad litem for the purposes of prosecuting a claim for compensation on behalf of the said children.

The applicant is hereby authorised to open a trust account for the four minor children, which such account shall be administered by the applicant and Mr Sibusiso Kubheka, who is the practicing attorney, together with any other person that may be deemed fit and proper by the applicant, as joint trustees." Kubheka closed shop even before this court order was implemented until Matimakhulu withdrew as the curator.

On 15 October, 2012 things began to move when Matimakhulu attached the child health card of Tomas Frede Mahomane, one of the children born on 21 March, 2000 together with an affidavit signed by Nomie Nombulelo Mndzebele, the mother of the youngest child Moses Wonder Mahomane born 19 June, 2002 in which he wrote "I am the only surviving brother to one Frederico Mahomane, born on the 13th March 1971, who died on the 25th August 2002, in a motor vehicle accident at Sidvokodvo, in the Manzini region. I respectfully refer to a copy of the death certificate annexed hereto.

The deceased is survived by the following children, both of whom



## That fateful August afternoon

It was on August 25 when a bus SD 747 JS driven by one Mandla Shilo

Sibandze collided with the Mazda sedan SD 231 WM driven by Mahumane. It was in the

same vehicle that Manzini socialite Kaido Mavimbela, who was a passenger also perished

just before entering Riders' Ranch where she was being driven to meet her fiancée.

"The traffic officer recording the accident was to note "on investigation of this case infor-





**UNDER REVIEW: MVA Corporate Communications Manager Makhoselani Magongo.**

are minors (Tomas and Moses).

I am now desirous of pursuing a motor vehicle accident compensation claim from the MVA Fund on behalf of the above named deceased's children, situated at Mbabane, Swaziland. I am advised and believe that to establish full locus standi for the purpose referred in the preceding paragraph herein, it is of utmost necessity that I should apply before this court to be duly appointed as both curator bonis and curator ad litem on behalf of the deceased minor children.

#### Submit

I submit that being the only surviving brother to the deceased I can only be able to assist in the claim against the MVA Fund soon after being declared as both curator ad litem and curator bonis. I am also possessed of my full mental capacity and physical state of well-being. Therefore I am in a better position to look after the funeral welfare, upkeep as well as affairs of the minor children.

The child Moses Wonder Mahomansides with his mother who has consented to my nomination to act for and on his behalf. The other child Tomas Frede Mahomane resides with me as his guardian."

On October 25, 2012 Kubheka wrote to the MVA that "please be

advised that we have no objection to Emilia Albino Sumbi lodging a separate claim on behalf of her own children.

We will proceed with the claim in respect of the deceased's two other children. Please note that we will soon submit a certificate of the claimant as curator bonis on behalf of the children.

This is the same mother of the two children who on March 5, 2012 submitted to MVA this affidavit: "I, Emilia Albino Sumbi confirm that I was married on the 13th August 1995 by Frede Frderico Padelane Mahumane and I gave birth to two children by the name of Frederico Sifiso Mahumane on the 18th February 1996 and Celeste Jenny Mahumane on the 5th March 2000.

I therefore request MVA to stop Matimakhulu from claiming for loss of support on behalf of my children and myself. I want to proceed with the claim on my own." And so that was perceived to be the end of the Matimakhulu role, something that was not to be.

This Emilia did not have in her possession the said marriage certificate to produce to MVA. Miraculously Emilia's children have since graduated from school.

only to find that there was this big bus which was following him at a high speed which knocked the car from behind before pushing it off the road and further going over it."

# On-call allowance standardisation matter postponed

By Sibusiso Gamedze

Yesterday nurses and other healthcare workers returned home dejected after their matter that was due to be heard at the Industrial Court before Judge Nkosiathi Nkonyane, was ultimately postponed to April 9 2018.

According to an address outside the Industrial Court by SWADNU Secretary General, Sibusiso Lushaba, the process that had culminated in the circular began as far back 2016.

He said they learnt from government that it was going to review the terms and conditions of their membership's on-call allowances. He said during year 2017 they were tempted to interdict the government but the union was advised against that.

He was on to allege that the employer had developed a habit of non consultation when it came to crucial decisions that affected one's remuneration.

Lushaba emphasised that the issue of on call allowances did not only affect nurses but it was one that affected all

healthcare workers and therefore he implored all members to be united against their common enemy which was their employer.

He said that while it was true that we lived in a country that preaches individualism he said it was the essence of member's survival to always be united.

#### Reasons

While the reasons for the postponement were not readily spelt out, however the nurses were unhappy by what the union termed as an unnecessary delay.

Earlier media reports suggested that Circular No.1 of 2018 of On-Call Allowance standardisation in the ministry of health was declared discriminatory by the president of the Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union (SWADNU), Bheki Mamba when a petition to the ministry of health was being delivered on the February 1.

Mamba said they wanted the on-call allowances to cut across as the money would not be the same because of their varying salary grades.

He said if government wanted to compensate other people, they should have done it through grading and not allowances.

The union members had converged at the park adjacent to the Mbabane Fire Station on that day where they were taking orders before eventually marching. Mamba told the union members that it was only fair to be paid according to the hours they put in and wanted to know what scientific method was used by government to come up with the allowances in the circular.

#### Unite

He encouraged government to be open to the negotiating table. The president advised the health workers to unite and fight the 'monster', referring to government.

"Don't you dare come to a conclusion that when this monster calls you they will then do you a favour because it will never happen as the monster is all out to divide and push health workers out," he said.

Mamba said they had come to deliver the petition to the ministry of health to encourage it to review the circular.



**IN NUMBERS: Swaziland Democratic Nurses Union President Bheki Mamba addressing union members yesterday just outside the Industrial Court premises, next to him is Sibusiso Lushaba SWADNU Secretary General. This was after the hearing of their case which was postponed. (Pics: Sibusiso Gamedze)**

mation gathered from eyewitnesses was that SD 231 WM had earlier on signalled his intention to turn right by putting on his right direction indicator and slowed down





WATER MANAGEMENT: Maguga Dam.

# MINISTER JOINS SA COUNTERPART IN KOBWA'S 25-YEAR COMMEMORATION

By Bodwa Mbingo

It has been 25 years since the Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA) that gave birth to the Maguga Dam at Nkomanzi in the country's Northern Hhohho region and the Driekoppies Dam in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa was established.

Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Jabulile Mashwama and her South African coun-

terpart in Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane will, therefore, join KOBWA in commemorating its 25 years of existence in an event slated for February 27 at Emnotweni in the Mpumalanga Province.

The theme for the anniversary is: "Celebrating 25 Years in Excellent Transboundary Water Management" and KOBWA will engage principals from the party states, stakeholders in the industry, employees and the general public. Invitees will include Joint Water Commission

members (current and past), board of directors (current and past); former KOBWA managers, executives from the Department of Water and Sanitation and from the Department of Water Affairs.

## Concept

According to the event's concept note, the objectives of commemorative events are to highlight KOBWA's achievements and challenges in the past twenty-five years; to provoke dialogue around issues of integrated water resource management by stakeholders and chart a way forward; to enhance communities' understanding of KOBWA's role in the Basin; and to focus KOBWA's relevance in the Komati Basin. KOBWA's present and future role in the Komati will be highlighted.

"As a build-up to the main event, the communities that border the dams have been engaged through soccer tournaments as a build-up to the main event. As part of the Corporate Social Initiative (CSI), shoes will be presented to needy learners in primary schools that are within KOBWA's area of operation," reads part of the concept note.

Meanwhile, KOBWA was established in 1992 through the Komati Basin Treaty that was signed by the governments of South Africa and Swaziland. This agreement mandated KOBWA with designing and constructing the Driekoppies and the Maguga Dams as well as operating and maintaining the project. The result was the construction of the Driekoppies Dam in 1993 and the Maguga Dam in 1998. Currently, KOBWA is at the operation and maintenance phase.

For the organisation, this is an opportunity to reflect on successes, challenges and also chart a way forward for the organisation. The aim is to promote KOBWA as a force to be reckoned with in the water industry locally and internationally.



## EXECUTIVE PLACEMENTS

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Our client, Swaziland Television Authority, has the following key strategic position which requires suitably qualified and experienced Swazi candidates who are visionary and results driven. The candidates must possess strong leadership, management, and excellent communication skills. The candidate must also possess the highest levels of professionalism, credibility and integrity.

The CEO will report to the Board of Directors and will collaborate with the executive management team as well as key strategic partners in leading the delivery of assigned strategic initiatives. Applications are hereby invited from candidates who have these qualities.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

#### Strategy and Vision.

- Ensure that budgets are formulated, form partnerships, and recruit a team of highly motivated individuals to steer STVA accordingly.
- Lead the STVA through the initiation and development of turn-around policies, programmes and strategies.
- Initiate, develop, implement and monitor all aspects of television broadcasting policies, rules and regulations that fall within the purview of STVA.
- Develop, implement and monitor STVA's business and marketing strategies.
- Develop, implement and monitor the overall programming strategies of STVA.
- Develop and implement the strategic planning process for STVA.
- Oversee finance activities of STVA including, fund mobilization and sponsorships, budgets, reporting and audits, through the development and implementation of policies and strategies.
- Ensure that STVA contributes towards the attainment of the Nation's Vision 2022.

#### Management, Administration and Governance

- Provide general oversight of all STVA's activities, manage the day to day operations and ensure a smoothly functioning and efficient

#### organization.

- Ensure program quality and organizational stability through the development and implementation of standards and controls and systems and procedures.
- Work with the Board of Directors to enable it to fulfil its governance function.
- Perform any other official duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

#### Corporate Culture

- Create a good corporate culture that encompasses the vision, mission and values of STVA
- Develop employees and build good teams.

#### KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree in a related field
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) an added advantage
- Qualification and experience in Broadcasting and Electronic Media Production also an added advantage

#### EXPERIENCES & KNOWLEDGE

- Minimum 8 years' experience in a senior management position

#### Applications should be addressed to:

The Recruitment Specialist  
JBH Management Consultants  
P.O. Box 801  
Matsapha  
Swaziland

E-Mail: [jbhrecruitment@swazi.net](mailto:jbhrecruitment@swazi.net)  
Closing date: 15th February, 2018

Note: If an applicant does not receive a response within four weeks, he/ she must consider his/ her application unsuccessful.

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TENDER NO.05 OF 2018/2019  
SWAZILAND FIVE STAR HOTEL  
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION SUB-CONTRACT



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### SWAZILAND FIVE STAR HOTEL

#### TENDER NO. 05 OF 2018/19: ADVERTISEMENT-ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION-SUB-CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIVE STAR HOTEL AT EZUWLINI, SWAZILAND.

Applications are invited from Suitably **Qualified Electrical Installation Specialists** that are registered with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council (CIC) for the financial year 2017/18 wishing to tender for the above mentioned project.

#### Tender returns comprise the following:

1. A completed set of Tender Documents
2. A valid Trading License
3. A valid Labour Compliance Certificate
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5. A valid tender surety worth E6000.00
6. A valid certification of registration with the Swaziland Construction Industry Council
7. Details of proposed Joint Venture agreement
8. Signed Site Inspection Certificate

Preference will be given to Swazi Companies and foreign companies will only be considered if in Joint Venture with Swazi Companies.

Tender documents will be available from **8 am on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2018** and may be collected from:

The Engineer  
Site Office Ezulwini,  
Swaziland

There will be a compulsory site inspection on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2018**. Tenderers are advised to assemble at the site security gate by 10am. Tenderers who will not attend the site inspection will not be evaluated.

Tender bids should be returned no later than **10 am on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2018** to the tender box located at Site Office and must be addressed as follows:

Tender No.05 of 2018/19  
The Engineer  
Site Office Ezulwini,  
Swaziland

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# POLICE ILLEGALLY OCCUPY ROAD

Stories by Ackel Zwane

Royal Swaziland Police are at the centre of a controversy surrounding the occupation of a road reserve where they are operating a satellite post near Mahhala Shopping Complex in Matsapha.

This is because police are said to have claimed that they were given the land by the Matsapha Town Board, an entity that has no jurisdiction over that piece of land.

Matsapha Town Board minutes of November 21, 2017, the inaugural meeting of the present council reflect under the category 'land allocation for the Mahhala Police Post' that the "town clerk confirmed that the pegs for the site of the police post were raised by the Surveyor General's Office, and it was confirmed that the police post was situated outside the Matsapha urban boundaries, i.e. on the road reserve. The town clerk confirmed that the Minute had been transmitted to the ministry of housing and urban development." However, Surveyor

...Despite repeated warnings that Matsapha Town Board, which purportedly gave police the permission to set up shop at the road reserve had no jurisdiction over that state property under the supervision of the ministry of public works and transport ...Cops tired of dealing with matter through the media, will only discuss it at next stakeholders meeting which, ironically, does not interest Matsapha businessman Tommy Kirk who owns the complex inconvenienced by the police post



**BONE OF CONTENTION:** Mahhala police satellite post that is currently the centre of a heated debate between businessman Kirk and Police National Commissioner Isaac Magagula. (Pics: Ackel Zwane)

General's, office flatly refused to comment saying the only person mandated was the principal secretary who

proved rather hard to get, nonetheless we have the minutes in our possession. At a press briefing on Monday,

Police National Commissioner Isaac Magagula was quoted saying processes were underway for a meeting between

all stakeholders that include the owner of the shopping complex Tommy Kirk, the Matsapha Municipal Council, the ministry of public works and transport and that of natural resources. However, Kirk considers this as a mere talk show because police had been saying the same thing for umpteenth time now and of particular if irrelevance is the mention of Matsapha Town Board, the municipality, which has no jurisdiction whatsoever over that property. To crown it all, Kirk has built a permanent facility for the police to use as the post, complete with ablutions, but the police insist on setting up shop in the open arena where they are often blamed for disrupting free flow of traffic and causing accidents instead of providing the peace.

The positioning of the police post is such that the road leading to it departs from the only three-metre lane that is the only access from the huge complex to the national highway at the flyover, thus causing even more congestions. Mahhala Shopping Complex is the only establishment of its

## Precarious congestions at access road

Kirk's other headache is the ever growing congestion further exacerbated by the presence of the police given that he only has a three-metre wide access road to accommodate all traffic coming out of the complex to join the highway.

Those going to the police post link to this narrow access road which must also accommodate trucks leaving the complex together with other traffic, including the pedestrian traffic. Last Sunday, there were two near fatal accidents at the entrance while last week a vehicle nearly knocked down fuel pumps at the filling station.

The other issue at hand is the development of a property by the Matsapha Town Board that was to be a utility park to accommodate, among other utilities, a bus rank and markets. This is the area that the town board would have had a jurisdiction. On February 2013, Matsapha Town Board had published an invitation of expression of interest for development partners for the development of the Matsapha bus rank and main market through Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement.

The Board was seeking partners to develop on a 4.6 ha piece of land, the bus rank and public market for the Matsapha community. The vision was to develop a main market, bus rank and mini-shopping centre with the following components:- A public market with vegetable stalls, different size kiosks for accommodating several market products, a cooking and eating area, flea market area, service area and parking area; A bus rank with ranking spaces for taxis, for hires, kombis, sprinters and buses; A two-storey mini complex with a floor area of approximately 1 667.7993m<sup>2</sup>, with sufficient parking space to service the

shopping centre; common public areas such as ablutions, covered sitting area for commuters, and offices to accommodate the local authority personnel, vendor association, public transport associations, police, etc.

The Board invited Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputable and experienced project development companies and investors either as individual firm or consortium with the requisite capabilities to submit proposals to participate in the competitive tender for the development of the site into a convenient public facility.

The envisioned PPP procurement was a design, build, finance, operate and transfer (DBFOT) model. The requirements for the execution of the project would include but not limited to:- Review and update the existing bus rank and main market concept plan; Undertake the requisite engineering designs for the development.

It should be noted that all designs were to be carried out based on acceptable cost effective technical design principles and performance criteria/standards; Prepare a schedule of project cost and bill of quantities; Responsible for the financing, design and development of the facility; Responsible for the operation and maintenance of the facility in conformity with the best practices against mutually established benchmarks of performance during the envisaged concession period; and, Ensure compliance with all statutory requirements and relevant procedures of the Matsapha Town Board. What followed was a comedy of errors as played out in protracted court battles, resulting in the Board realising that in fact it had not even fully acquired the land for purposes of this ambitious development.



**FRUSTRATION:** Mahhala businessman Tommy Kirk gestures at the only three-metre wide exit from the vast and busy complex while the space below it that was earmarked for utilities lies idle to this day.

## Road reserves at a glance, lessons from next door

The only plausible definition of a road reserve by Swazi standards is concisely contained in a definition by Chief Roads Engineer Vincent Dlamini: The road shoulders, drainage, guardrail, drainage are also important for the extended life of the road.

The High Court of South Africa (Western Cape Division) in the 2015 matter between AllenTarghi Tavakolion the one hand and Phase II Development Company and The City of Cape Town on the other, the term 'road reserve' is defined in (s) item one of the By-Law as meaning (my emphasis) 'a designated area of land that contains or is able to contain a public street or public road, including the road and associated verge, which land may or may not be defined by cadastral boundaries.'

The terms 'public street' and 'public road' are defined thus in (s) one of the By Law and again in item one of the DMS: 'public street' - 'any land indicated on an approved general plan, diagram or map as having been set aside as a public right of way, whether for vehicles or pedestrians or public or urban squares, of which ownership is registered in favour of or vests in the City in terms of this By-Law or



any other law; 4 'public road' - 'any highway, thoroughfare, lane, footpath, sidewalk, alley, passage, bridge or any other place of a similar nature or any portion thereof serving as a public right of way, whether for vehicles or pedestrians, established or proclaimed in terms of the former Municipal Ordinance, 1974 (Ordinance 20 of 1974) or any equivalent current municipal bylaw and/or national legislation and includes a public street'.

Item 41(e), which deals with building lines, provides that no building shall be erected so that any point on the building 'is nearer to a street bound-

ary or a common boundary' than the distances specified in the table forming part of the item. The relevant distance applicable to the property in relation to Kings Road is 4.5m.

The term 'street boundary' is defined in the DMS as meaning 'the boundary between a land unit and an abutting public street or private road; provided that the boundary of a pedestrian way or service lane that cannot or will never be used by motor vehicles, shall be deemed to be a common boundary for the purpose of determining building lines, street centreline setbacks and site access requirements.'



# RESERVE, ERECT POST

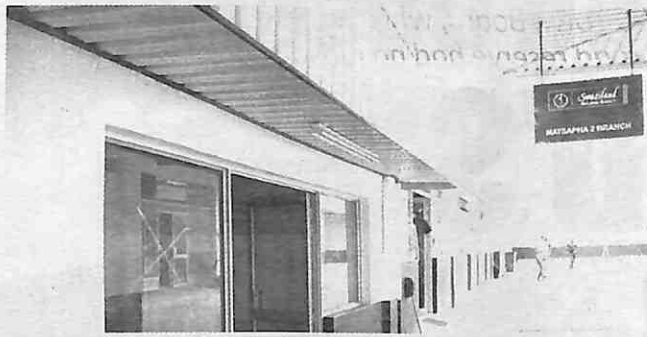
magnitude the globe over to have on its front a four-way-stop, which is at the roundabout below the flyover.

Prior to the development of the four-way, Kirk reveals that even when he made the police aware that the Board had no jurisdiction over the road reserve "little realising that before I did anything on the property I had right to access the national road as early as the early eighties."

From the principal secretary in the ministry public works and transport's office filed is a letter with letterheads of the then ministry of works and communication with the lines "please refer to your letter on this matter."

"I'm writing to inform you that your application has been granted." Signed and stamped.

"How can Town Board give



**PARADISE:** The structure Kirk offered the police at the heart of the busy Mahhala Shopping Complex, it is complete with ablutions and operating space but the police continue shun it.

authorisation on land outside its jurisdiction?" Kirk further says, referring to Tuesday evening's radio broadcast featuring Magagula, if he reconsiders that the post built by him is now nice, why does he not occupy it.

He further says even when the police were still operating within the Mahhala complex they

left without even bidding goodbye, *bangakavalelisi*. "I don't know how many times they are coming back to talk to me. I cannot meet Town Board about land that is outside their jurisdiction."

The post, says Kirk, is at an accident prone area with no basic amenities such as toilets.

The only available amenities

are those provided by at the complex which both police and members of the public may use or else make do with the bushes on the banks of the Lusushwana River further down the estate.

The mobile cubicle that is the police post is somewhat an improvement from a makeshift military tent that had been used for quite some time to serve the public as a police post.

As Parliament opens next week, talk is already abound that police would request an increased budget from MP's to include the construction of a police post or station at Mahhala.

The Matsapha Police Station is further up the Matsapha industrial estate near Mashayitafula where there is hardly any activity as compared to Mahhala where it was originally planned that the station would be situated.

## Enough with media, we'll tackle matter at stakeholders meeting – Cops

Police Information and Communications Officer Superintendent Khulani Mamba says the situation has been exacerbated by the interest of the media to the effect that National Commissioner Isaac Magagula has called for a stakeholders' meeting where the matter will be put to rest.

Supt. Mamba was, however, called on the fact that the police post is illegally situated on a road reserve in the first place over and above the issues that police are

having with Matsapha businessman Tommy Kirk but insisted that he would rather not get into the details until such a meeting.

### Expressed

On the other hand, Kirk has expressed disinterest at Magagula's meeting saying he has called several such meetings previously but nothing had resulted out of them, this time the involvement of the Matsapha Town Board is yet another damper.

On the other hand, Mamba

says working relations at the complex are at their all time low with police officers stationed there at risk.

"The situation is so bad that it has not become conducive for the officers working there. I will not comment further on this subject until the meeting called by the national commissioner."

**ENOUGH:** National Commissioner Isaac Magagula.



## SNAT introduces medical scheme for members

By Sicelo Maziya

Whilst government focuses on security forces and fire personal for insurance and other medical benefits, Swaziland National Association of Teachers (SNAT) has moved swiftly to design a medical aid scheme for its membership.

The SNAT medical scheme for teachers is seeing the new product being promoted to all branches of the associations.

The SNAT Medical Aid Scheme is administered by Swazi med. The medical scheme aid scheme is 100 per cent owned by teachers and all contributions are deposited in a SNAT medical aid scheme bank account.

The medical aid scheme shall have so many benefits for teachers such as oncology, cancer, radio therapy and chemotherapy shall be decided by the SNAT Medical Aid Board. The medical aid also has a special dependents registration set at E400.

The Mbabane branch representatives yesterday showed enthusiasm for the new SNAT medical scheme at a meeting at MDS Primary School, with pamphlets distributed at the meeting.

The medical scheme is divided into five different categories or stages of contribution from M0 to M5+ plus. The M0 costs E500 to the highest being the M5+ E1 100, the fund benefits start with the consultations and

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**EYETHU:** Teachers appreciate the SNAT Medical Aid Scheme and will be visited at different schools to fill the forms for the medical aid.

**MEDICAL AID AGENDA:** Mbabane Branch Chairperson on Victor 'Mavikana' Dlamini making a presentation.

visits, dentistry, hospitalisation, alternative to hospitalisation, medicines and injection materials, mental health, non-surgical procedures and test, optometry, organ transplant, pathology and medical technology, physiotherapy & bio kinetics and pregnan-

cy/confinement as well as prosthesis. It was also disclosed to teachers that the employer was able to deduct the first instalment for the Medical scheme aid. Teachers were encouraged to indicate between the waiting period that elapse on March 31.

## Amandla Financial Services client evicted from his property

By Sandile Nkambule

A client who failed to honour his obligations in paying a financial services provider has lost his property as the High Court has ordered that he be evicted in respect of monies owed to the financial services provider.

The High Court has ordered that Selby Solwako Maseko and all those who hold title and occupy Lot No. 2887 situate in Mbabane Extension 11 at Thembelinle Township, be evicted forthwith following an application that was filed by Amandla Financial Services.

High Court Judge Mzwandile Fakudze also ordered that the national commissioner of police should forthwith assist in the enforcement of the eviction.

Amandla filed an application before the High Court which emanates from a judgment it obtained against Maseko, who was cited as the first respondent on December 2016 for payment of the sum of E720 758.56 with interest and costs thereof.

The 2016 judgment further declared the property, which is the subject matter of the litigation, to be executable.

### Judgment

According to a judgment handed down by Judge Fakudze yesterday, Amandla lent and advanced to the first respondent (Maseko) a sum of E718 033.57 in 2015 and the loan was to be used by Maseko to complete his block of flats.

According to the agreement, the loan was to be payable in 24 months and security for the loan was to register a mortgage bond No. 220 of 2015 in Mbabane in favour of the applicant held under deed transfer 488 of 2005.

In terms of the bond and in the event the respondent failed to make punctual payments of interests and other sums due, it called upon the respondent to pay forthwith all sums due, owing and payable under the bond and further called the applicant to foreclose the bond.

Pursuant to the order and a writ of execution for attachment of the property, a notice of sale of the property by public auction was published, which sale was to be conducted on March 24 2017. On the date of sale in exe-

cution, one Joseph Ndlangamandla cited as the second applicant, was the successful bidder and purchaser of the property on behalf of SAJO Family Trust.

Subsequent to the successful bidding, SAJO approached its financier in order to obtain finance for the purchase of the immovable property and the financier requested that a valuation of the property be carried out prior to the approval of the finance being granted for the purchase of the property thereof.

Ndlangamandla further applied that Maseko and all who hold title and occupy the property at Thembelinle Township be evicted and that he be granted free and unhindered access to the property as the new owner.

However, following the successful sale, Maseko contended that there was no compliance, particularly with respect to the effect that within 14 days of sale, the balance against transfer must be secured by a bank or building society to be approved by the plaintiff's attorneys and to be furnished to the Deputy Sheriff arguing that since there was no compliance the sale should be nullified by the court.

Maseko further contended that the auction sale took place on March 24, 2017 and the application seeking access to the disputed property was dated April 28 and set down for hearing on May 12. He argued that in terms of the law, a Deputy Sheriff should be an executive of the law not an agent of any party to an auction sale.

When handing down judgment, Judge Fakudze stated that the court holds the view that since the Deputy Sheriff did not report that any condition had not been met so as to cause a judge to cancel the sale, he was obliged to assist the purchaser in accessing the property for purposes of the evaluation and further he was expected to assist in the registration of the property in the name of the purchaser.

The respondent and all those who hold title and occupy Lot No. 2887 situate in Mbabane Extension 11 at Thembelinle Township, be evicted and second applicant 2016 the sum of E750 758.56 with interest and costs thereof and as such an order of court was obtained against him.

Justice Fakudze pronounced. He further ordered that the national commissioner should forthwith assist in the enforcement of the eviction with the respondent paying the cost of the application at ordinary scale.





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## SWAZIPOST: SD'S ONE STOP HUB

Swazi Post is an organisation that strives to meet his Majesty King Mswati III's vision 2022, by bringing products and services to the people in both urban and rural areas in Swaziland.

SwaziPost currently offers a variety of financial services such as Sivinini Money Transfer, School fees payment and SwaziPost Insurance.

In 2016, SwaziPost joined forces with the Swaziland Royal Insurance Corporation (SRIC) where SRIC policy holders were able to pay their premiums at any post office across Swaziland.

These premiums can be paid monthly or annually.

SRIC policy holders in rural areas no longer need to travel long distances and incur travelling costs because they can now pay their premiums at the nearest post office anywhere in the country.

In December, SRIC and SwaziPost expanded their relationship by intro-

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ducing more services that can be found across all post offices in the country.

SRIC policy holders can now submit their funeral claims not exceeding E10 000 at any post office and receive their payout within three hours, upon submitting all the necessary documents required to start processing and paying out the funeral claim.

The required documents are outlined in the policy document

### Process:

Claims must be accompanied by the following documents, originals or certified copies (also bring payee's ID and ID of the deceased and a letter from mortuary confirming the body.

### THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Death of a member	Death of spouse	Death of a child	Death of a parent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death Certificate</li> <li>• ID. of Claimant/Payee</li> <li>• ID. of Deceased</li> <li>• Confirmation of Body</li> <li>• Bank Statement/Pass book/Cancelled cheque of payee (optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death Certificate</li> <li>• Marriage Certificate</li> <li>• ID. of Claimant/Payee</li> <li>• ID. of Deceased</li> <li>• Confirmation of Body</li> <li>• Bank Statement/Pass book/Cancelled cheque of payee (optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death Certificate</li> <li>• Child's Birth Certificate</li> <li>• ID. of Claimant/Payee</li> <li>• ID. of Deceased</li> <li>• Confirmation of Body</li> <li>• Bank Statement/Pass book/Cancelled cheque of payee (optional)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death Certificate</li> <li>• Member's Birth Certificate</li> <li>• Member's Marriage Certificate</li> <li>• Spouse's Birth Certificate</li> <li>• ID. of Claimant/Payee</li> <li>• ID. of Deceased</li> <li>• Confirmation of Body</li> <li>• Bank Statement/Pass book/Cancelled cheque of payee (optional)</li> </ul>



The required documentation can be submitted at any of the following post offices for funeral claims of E10 000 and below;

• Mbabane  
• Lavumisa  
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• Hluthi  
• Hlatikulu  
• Big Bend  
• Mpaka  
• Mhlume

• Tshaneni  
• Ntfontjeni  
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**REVOLUTION:** Diploma in Police Science students posing with the national commissioner, UNISWA's Professor Masuku and members of the Police Executive.



**PARTNERS:** National commissioner, UNISWA's Professor Masuku and members of the police executive posing with lecturers of the Police Science Programme.

## Police Science Programme to revolutionise the service

The Police Science Programme will revolutionise the policing profession and add value to police education which has always had that aura of being underrated and not adequately recognised.

This was revealed by the National Commissioner of Police - Isaac Mmemo Magagula during the inauguration and official launch of the Diploma in Police Science Programme held at Matsapha Police Academy on Monday. Magagula stated that the launch ushers a new dawn in police training frameworks and is a major step in ensuring that the Organisation remains relevant in a highly competitive and inquisitive society. He noted that society is filled with criminal elements that are becoming more sophisticated in their wicked activities of perpetrating crime and this demands that the police are consistently a step ahead in their analytic insight and crime fighting prowess.

The national commissioner revealed that the driving desire to revolutionise and upgrade police training by introducing the Police Science Diploma is to ensure that police officers are properly capacitated to tackle the policing challenges that are manifesting in a modern, dynamic and educated society. He stated that the programme is embedded with the necessary tools to broaden intellectual horizons of officers to better understand the psyche of the criminal mind in order to be able to devise appropriate techniques of hedging society from the vagaries of crime.

The Police Science Programme is a product of a Partnership Agreement on Training Support courtesy of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Swaziland (UNISWA) and the Royal Swaziland Police Service (RSPS) signed in December 2016.

The first batch of participants comprises of thirty (30) police officers from various police stations in the country who were selected on basis of operational expe-



**OFFICIAL LAUNCH:** National Commissioner of Police Isaac Mmemo Magagula making his remarks.

rience and meeting the Admissions Criteria of the University of Swaziland. It will include courses such as Criminology, Community Policing, Crime Prevention and Detection, Global and Regional Security, Forensic Investigation, Comparative Policing and Legal Studies amongst others.

Magagula paid homage to His Majesty The King for commissioning the Police Academy which will be always enshrined in the organisation's annals of history. He further extended appreciation to the University Senate for approving the Diploma in Police Science Programme as well as the University Task Team which worked in collaboration with the RSPS in the processes of its introduction.

He also expressed sincere gratitude towards the Swaziland Higher Education Council (SHEC) for providing assistance and advice in regards with all the necessary

requirements of having the academy registered and accredited.

The national commissioner congratulated the students and challenged them to seize the learning opportunity to enhance their performance and the profile of the Police Service.

He urged them to be committed and diligent with their studies to ensure that the programme runs seamlessly and reaches the projected levels.

Speaking during the inauguration, UNISWA's Professor Mike Masuku applauded the national commissioner for initiating the partnership between the RSPS and UNISWA stating that any investment in knowledge pays with best interest. He expressed appreciation towards the University Senate and SHEC for approving the partnership and the programme expressing hope that it will grow from strength to strength.



**PRESENT:** Senior Deputy National Commissioner William Dlamini and Deputy National Commissioner Ross Maseko during the launch of the Diploma in Police Science Programme.

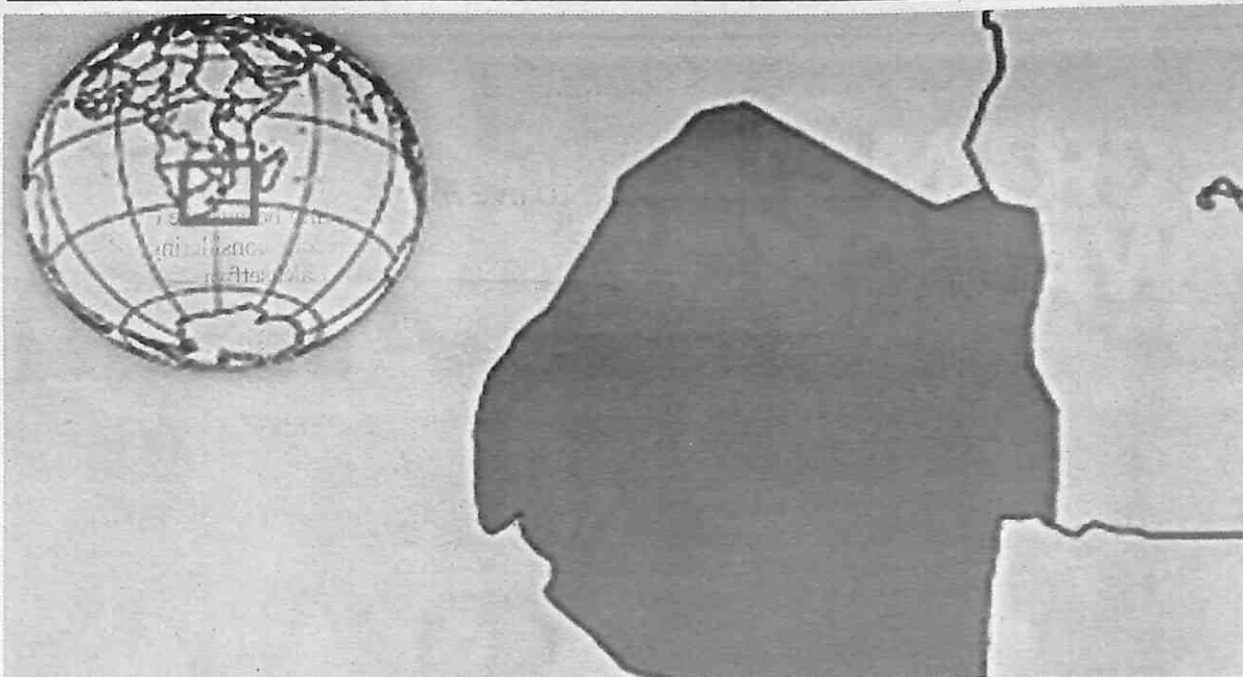


**UP FOR THE TASK:** Some of the police officers who are part of the Police Science Programme.



**APPLAUDS:** UNISWA's Professor Mike Masuku during the launch of the Police Science Programme.





## STUDY: SD has poor quality of life, environmentally unfriendly

By Bodwa Mbingo

Swaziland has been listed as the worst country which has failed to provide a good quality of life and to achieve environmental targets.

It is impossible for humans to live both a 'good' life and an environmentally friendly one, researchers have found.

Scientists compared the ability of countries to meet 11 social goals for their citizens against how they measured up to seven environmental targets.

According to MailOnline, the study found that no country has managed to achieve the right balance between happiness and sustainability, and that the better a country does on one side of the scale, the worse it tends to do on the other.

Of all 151 nations studied, Vietnam came closest to achieving balance, hitting seven of 11 social goals while only exceeding one environmental limit on CO2 emissions.

Three nations - Austria, Germany and the Netherlands - maxed out the social targets, but fell way behind when it came to the environmental goals.

...Scientists compared the ability of countries to meet 11 social goals for their citizens against how they measured up to seven environmental targets

Meanwhile, Afghanistan, Burundi, and Eritrea were among 16 countries to pass every environmental test, but failed miserably when it came to providing for their people.

The worst country on either lists was Swaziland, which failed both to provide a good quality of life and to hit environmental targets.

Social goals identified by researchers included earning more than US\$1.90 (about E23) per day, access to energy, access to food, and employment.

### Targets

Meanwhile, environmental targets included water usage, carbon emissions and whether land was being used in a sustainable way.

In terms of social goals, the UK was among the best-ranked, hitting eight out of 11 targets and missing out on two by small margins. The United States achieved nine, as did Australia.

But the UK busts on five out of seven environmental measures, getting passing grades only in land usage and water consumption.

America misses all environmental targets - including having CO2 emissions at 13 times sustainable rates - and Australia breaches six.

The study was carried out by the Sustainability Research Institute at University of Leeds in England and the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change in Berlin.

Co-author Dr Julia Steinberger, from the School of Earth and Environment at Leeds, said: "Radical changes are needed if all people are to live well within the limits of the planet."

"These include moving beyond the pursuit of economic growth in wealthy nations, shifting rapidly from fossil fuels to renewable energy, and significantly reducing inequality."

## JA throws lifeline to young learners

By Njabulo Dlamini

Pupils have been thrown a lifeline by Junior Achievement Swaziland as they will henceforth determine their financial providence through being their own bosses.

This is because JA Swaziland has entrusted those pupils in Form Two specifically to run a co-operative society in 40 secondary schools where the company has presence.

JA Swaziland Executive Director Siboniso Madlopha said this partnership has been made possible by their working relationship with Swazi MTN, ministry of education and training as well as that of commerce industry and trade.

The pupils will elect their own executive/management committee to be housed in Form Two at the respective schools but all the pupils where JA Swaziland operates are encouraged to be members.

This is meant to encourage the pupils to save and invest extra cash in the form of pocket or lunch money rather than spending everything received from their parents.

The co-operative to administer the money raised by the pupils at their respective schools is Lubane Savings and Credit Co-operative Society, which has been in existence for over 40 years now.

"We are in advanced talks with Lubane and everything has been finalised; just that we need to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to formalise the agreement," he stated.

He said the pupils will be given monthly statements and thereafter quarterly ones before being invited to the AGM of their respective co-operative society.

Their teachers have been trained on how to assist the pupils man-

age the co-operative while means are underway to engage head teachers.

"A short while ago we engaged teachers and I can tell you now that the excitement amongst them is unbelievable."

"We would have an AGM and elect new office bearers each year for the co-operative because we want the organisation to be administered by Form Two pupils."

"The advantage is that pupils can become a member of the co-operative beyond their schooling days as we are trying to inculcate the culture of saving amongst them at their young ages," the JA executive director said.

JA Swaziland operates in 40 secondary and high schools with the majority of these (65 per cent) based in rural areas.

After saving the pocket money, the pupils will hand it over to their teachers who in turn will send it to Lubane Savings and Credit Co-operative Society via MTN Mobile Money platform same day to avoid funds not being accounted for.

"We will teach the pupils on how to track their money, interpret their statements and be financially independent. They could later in life use their savings for paying their tertiary education, purchasing that dream home or car, alternatively use it as collateral for loans as we work towards financial inclusion," Madlopha closed.

Dividends of the funds invested by the pupils can be re-invested into the co-operative society or be claimed by the pupils yearly together with interest accruing from savings.

There will be no administrative costs to be borne by the pupils for running the co-operative society as these will be catered for by Lubane.

## Swazi ex-miners could get E105 000 compensation in SA

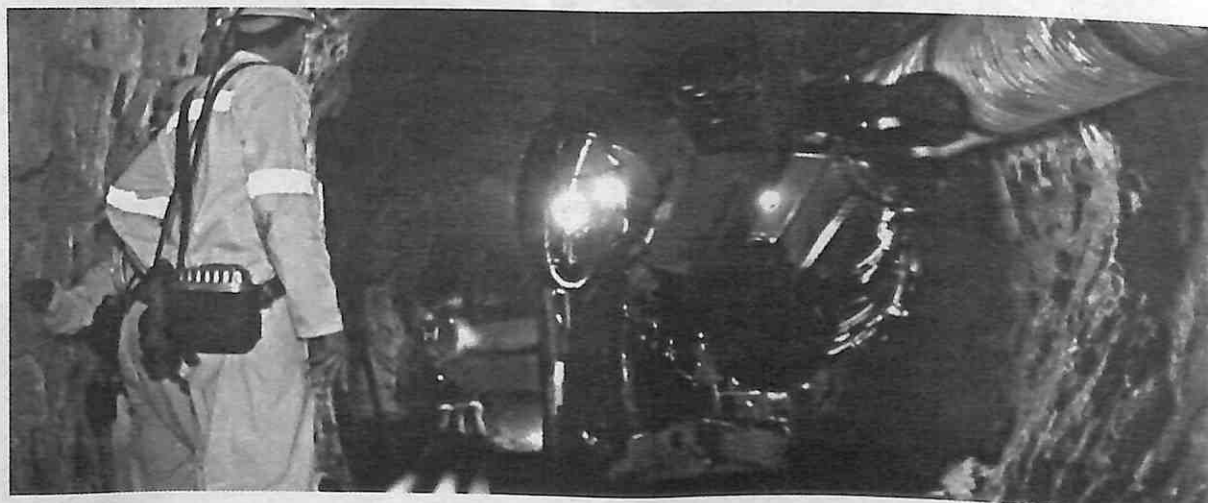
By Bodwa Mbingo

Swazi ex-miners, who worked in the South African mines and contracted silicosis and tuberculosis (TB), could get up to E105 000 as compensation for their illnesses, according to that country's Occupational Diseases in Mines and Works Act.

The out of court settlement for the tuberculosis and silicosis class action brought against six gold mining companies on the Witwatersrand could be signed in the next six months, Graham Briggs, the convener of the Occupational Lung Diseases Working Group, said this week.

Briggs told journalists on the sidelines of the Investing in Africa Mining Indaba in Cape Town that lawyers for the mines and the former mine workers were close to signing the settlement.

According to Business Report, mining companies set aside E5 billion towards compensation in November for thousands of miners who contracted



TB and silicosis, a lung disease caused by the inhalation of dust containing silica, as of 1965.

Briggs said compensation for the first-degree silicosis was E45 000, according to the Occupational Diseases in Mines and Works Act, while compensation for secondary silicosis was pegged at E105 000.

Compensation for occupational TB

is a lower number, he said.

"We will hopefully get the settlement signed in six months," said Briggs, adding that this was a move to solve a 100-year-old problem.

### Top-up

The E5bn was a 'top-up' to the E3.5bn compensation set aside by the government through the Department of F to pay former mine workers

who contracted silicosis in gold mines.

It has been reported that nearly half-a-million miners who contracted silicosis and tuberculosis are from neighbouring countries that supplied labour to South African mines.

In 2016, lawyers - including Richard Spoor and Charles Abrahams - brought the class action against Harmony Gold Mining, Gold Fields, AngloGold

Ashanti, African Rainbow Minerals, Anglo American South Africa and Sibanye-Stillwater for employees who contracted TB and silicosis.

Gold mining companies came together and established the Mining Industry Working Group on Occupational Lung Diseases to handle the matter.

Briggs, a former chief executive of Harmony Gold, said the Chamber of Mines had spent a lot of money tracing beneficiaries through outreaches to villages in the Eastern Cape, Swaziland and Lesotho.

"Although you have records, you do not know where they live. People in rural areas are generally poor in terms of infrastructure."

"They do not have bank accounts. If it was not a problem, people would have received their money long ago," said Briggs.

In January, lawyers from both parties postponed the court case and put in a provisional R5bn settlement following negotiations.



# 70-year-old HIV positive living in squalor

By Sicelo Maziya

...Senior citizen is sick, needs a decent and conducive house to live in given his condition

The 70-year-old HIV positive and tuberculosis (TB) patient is appealing for assistance for food and a decent house after he was abandoned by his young wife. The elderly man of Lushikishini is living in fear of his own house falling over and killing him instantly.

He is appealing for assistance in rehabilitating his falling house before it kills him in his sleep. The house, made of mud bricks, which is a common building material in the area, is dilapidated and about to fall apart much as another house in the same yard is falling over.

The treacherous trek to find the elderly man was rather challenging for a news investigative team, through densely overgrown grass that seemed to stifle trees that dared to flourish. The houses resemble an abandoned home yet the elderly man is alive, old and unable to help himself.

The home has an abandoned thatched rondavel that is falling apart; another house with the iron sheet roofing is what the elderly man is currently using but it is equally hazardous to his life.

The falling room is full of heavy stones on the roof, to protect it from being blown by heavy winds and he sets his containers to catch rainwater for domestic use. He uses this water for drinking, bathing and washing.

"Yes, I do the washing. Although I'm old and weak I know my way



**HELP ME:** Mkhulu Nakani Mdluli of Lushikishini needs urgent assistance in rehabilitating his falling house as it may fall on him any time.

around the yard and still carry out my daily domestic chores. I gather firewood and am able to boil water for bathing as well as keeping myself warm at night," he adds.

There is no electricity, and what seems to be the kitchen area is a rickety wooden structure attached to a section of the house with three stones, lots of ashes and wood for a fireside, as well as black pots and pans through which meals were at times prepared.

He further disclosed that his wife left him years ago before returning to take the only boy he thought was his son. The elderly man said he was later taken aback when he was told that the boy was not his son but has his own father, a man he knows but did not even suspect was the father of the boy he called son. He said he was told the son was taken to be with his mother because he was sick but later gathered from other people that the boy was with

another father.

The senior citizen heaped praises on the Mbuyisa family neighbours, disclosing that he has been very sickly for the past two years and throughout his ordeal he has been nursed by his neighbours. The neighbour, Nokuthula Mtsetfwa, ensures he has something to eat daily.

He said his life was in a predicament, *sengaba ngizini khamisa* (I'm fed like a child), surviving sickness without food, life is impossible. UlaMtsetfwa *ungivuse ekufeni*, boMbuyisa ngiphila ngenca yabo mfana wami loosely translated "LaMtsetfwa nursed me from the dead and I owe my life to the Mbuyisa family."

Mdluli said he felt terrible for being powerless to change his (mis)fortunes around, rescuing himself from the dungeons of sickness is miracle enhanced by the Mbuyisa family and now the falling house can be one dangerous obstacle.

Neighbour LaMtsetfwa checks on the elderly man and helps out regularly but says she is worried of seeing him living in these less-than-ideal conditions.

"The old man is sick, he needs a decent and conducive house to live in given his condition. He doesn't have an ideal house as this structure could crumble anytime. If that can happen

at night we will never be able to even help him because he cannot call out for rescue considering his old age," adds LaMtsetfwa.

LaMtsetfwa when narrating the history of the elderly Mdluli said "We found the elderly man living alone, he was said to have been living with his son. We noticed he was sickly, goes without food for days and he was very weak".

LaMtsetfwa said they realised that he was on ART yet he was taking medication on an empty stomach and it was taking its toll because he was becoming weak and sick due to malnutrition. She further disclosed that as a family they are new in the area and when they discovered all they could do was try the simple remedy of giving him food and allowed him to recover. LaMtsetfwa said he indeed recovered and now they were glad he was able to even plough his fields hoping for a bumper harvest. "However, we are equally worried about the state of his house as it can fall on him anytime". LaMtsetfwa said for food they share the little they have with him noting that decent shelter is an urgent necessity for the elderly man.

"We would also appeal on his behalf for anyone who could help in rehabilitating his house so he can have a decent dwelling. We can appreciate food as well but the priority is on the house as we are still sharing the little food we have at the moment," adds LaMtsetfwa.

## AGOA here but no smoke shooting to the skies at Industrial Sites

Stories by Sicelo Maziya

Matsapha, the industrial hub of Swaziland is not showing any signs of activity despite the re-admission of Swaziland to benefit from the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

The factories that were closed down remain closed as a result of Swaziland's removal from AGOA as of January 2015. One of the bigger factories remains closed and has now turned into storage for other commodities being sent to Republic of South Africa and other destination.

Reliable sources at the Tuntex textile opposite Logico Logistics Company in Matsapha said there are no signs of the textile factory reopening. The sources further disclosed that the factory is now full of equipment for packaging and storage for commodities.

Whilst the hype of AGOA was met with excitement in other quarters, in Matsapha industrial site the closed factories are not being reopened. Many factories are not advertising at the main gates as per the norm when vacancies are available. The government strategies for opening textile factories by the esteemed investors seem to be slow than the swift closure of textile factories when the country was removed from AGOA. Textile companies pressured government to comply and pay the duties levied by the United States of America (USA).

Some of the group of textile factories pressured the government and confirmed that they were indeed closing down unless government is will-

### African Growth and Opportunity Act

AGOA is a United States preferential trade programme established in May 2000 that provides duty-free access to the \$3 trillion (about E33 trillion) American market for thousands of products from eligible sub-Saharan African countries.

One goal of AGOA is to support sub-Saharan African economic development through trade and investment. The programme offers tangible incentives to sub-Saharan African countries for undertaking difficult political and economic reforms that promote long-term growth and development.

Swaziland began benefiting from the programme in 2001 when government voluntarily accepted the AGOA eligibility criteria, which includes respect for the rule of law, poverty reduction, combating corruption, respect for workers' rights and human rights, child labour protection and market openness.

ing to pay the duties levied by the United States on exports that do not benefit from the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

Following the readmission of the country in AGOA, Observer on Saturday visited some of the factories. Many of the factories that were closed remain closed and show no sign of reopening. Some of them that remained operational are not advertising for new

Swaziland's loss of AGOA benefits restricted possibilities for diversifying agro-food sector exports, eventually removed after the 2015 review of the AGOA scheme as it introduced some changes suggested in the Brookings Institution report.

After an extensive review, including through a US Trade Representative-led interagency trip in April, the United States government concluded that Swaziland had not demonstrated progress on the protection of internationally recognised worker rights.

In particular, Swaziland was said to have failed to make continual progress in protecting freedom of association and the right to organise.

Of particular concern was the country's use of security forces and arbitrary arrests to stifle peaceful demonstrations, as well as the lack of legal recognition for labour and employer federations.

vacancies to show signs of a new era in the textile industry with the AGOA status.

Amalgamated Trade Unions of Swaziland (ATUSWA) Secretary General Wonder Mkhonza said so far there were no meaningful activities at the Matsapha industrial site or in the textile industry in the country at the moment.

He further disclosed that the excite-

ment that was shown in January was not meaningful in terms of substantial employment opportunities for the many unemployed former employees and new people in the textile industry.

Mkhonta confided to the Observer on Saturday that any meaningful employment will be based on the factories getting orders from the American market and that will then translate to the number of people to be employed by the industry once the market is secured with orders.

Observer on Saturday also wanted to know if there are possibilities for Swazis to own some of the factories as it was reported towards the frantic efforts to serve AGOA.

The secretary general confirmed plans by the union to pursue the opportunity but said for such to happen the membership needs to give the union a mandate to pursue such business ambition. "It's a call that needs the blessing of the membership and then the union can then pursue the investment opportunities in the textile industry," adds Mkhonta.

The closures of companies in Matsapha brought sadness in many people who benefited from the employment opportunities that were brought along with the country's AGOA status.

Mkhonza at that time also reported to have said the union met with the directors of a major textile company, where it was confirmed that they would be closing down.

Mkhonza further said the companies said the only way they could continue operating in Swaziland was if gov-

ernment could commit to taking over the payment of export duties they would now be compelled to pay as of the beginning of next year.

He said at that time the companies were not even willing to bear half the cost as they would be operating at losses if they did. "They say it's 'all or nothing'. If government refuses to bear the cost of exporting outside of AGOA then they are definitely closing shop," he said.

Mkhonza said there was also suspicion that the textile companies were being bullied (from certain quarters) into not announcing their intentions even though some of them have already made up their minds.

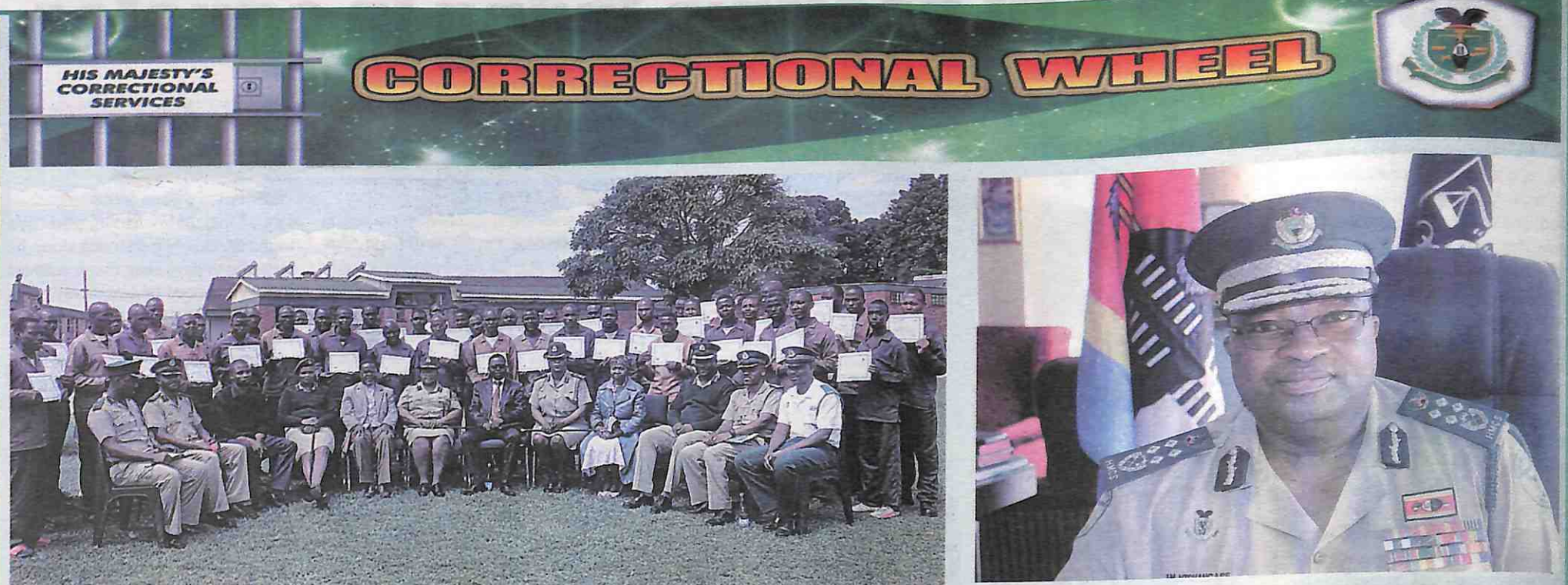
"At the end of the day, these companies are here to make money and if there's none forthcoming then they have no obligation to stay. The situation is really gloomy and all we can do is hope our government realises the seriousness of the matter," he said.

The secretary general said it was really heart-wrenching when they spoke to the workers who would be affected by the closure of these companies. He said, for instance, the terminal benefits they would receive were just too paltry for survival.

"The benefits being calculated for them are just meagre to even survive for two months. For those of us close to the situation on the ground it's really painful.

Honestly, those who are far removed from the situation are happy because they don't have to witness the misery that has become characteristic at the textile companies," he added.





**EFFECTIVE PRACTICE:** Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase (r) and offenders from Matshapha Correctional Centre who graduated in various Bible studies. Ntshangase has continuously supported developmental programmes which help shape the lives of offenders currently serving their sentences in different correctional centres.

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE - AN EFFECTIVE PRACTICE TOWARDS OFFENDER REHABILITATION

The undertaking to commit crime by any individual in society is not only tantamount to breaking the law but generally causes harm to communities, promotes social disorder while also perpetuating a disintegration in the moral fibre.

While those responsible for committing these crimes (offenders) are sent to correctional centres to serve their sentences, often times victims are left to deal with the effects of such hideous acts while also finding remedy on the lengthy custodial sentences that are a form of admonishment.

### Programmes

As families remain torn apart as a result of these criminal activities, His Majesty's Correctional Services strives to find amicable solutions and possible remedy for all parties in order to prevent the commission of crime by same individuals. These efforts include the incorporation of restorative justice as one of the effective forms and or practices towards the rehabilitation of offenders.

The department provides a litany of programmes which are aimed at ensuring such transformation for those who are incarcerated in the various correctional centres.

Commissioner General Isaiah Mzuthini Ntshangase, cognisant of the repercussions that crime holds against society and the escalating number of offenders in local correctional centres, introduced various developmental programmes. These include education, social work services, psychological services and chaplaincy. He continued to strengthen these units by deploying officers with expertise in the various disciplines.



**CHANGING LIVES:** Deputy Com. Gen. Thokozile Nxumalo poses with officials from Zion Bible College, Zion Fellowship, Prison Fellowship Swaziland and graduating trainees.

Though these programmes are equally important as they all play a significant role in transforming the lives of offenders; Ntshangase acknowledges the importance of divine intervention in the work of corrections. While restorative justice focuses on repairing the harm caused by offenders and reducing future impairment through crime prevention, he says such requires offenders to take responsibility for their actions first.

To this end, Ntshangase introduced chaplains in the various correctional centres who would help in catering for the spiritual needs for both officers and offenders. Offenders ought to find peace within their hearts by asking for God's forgiveness and turning their lives to the Creator of Life,

which provides a suitable platform for the treatment programmes to be meted out effectively, hence it was imperative to strengthen spiritual services within the department. Today, about 60 offenders who have since repented and given their lives to God and will be baptised at Matsapha Correctional Centre.

### Baptism

The water baptism which will be conducted by the Seventh Day Adventist Church will include offenders from both the medium and maximum sections, who despite their mistakes, have chosen to lead a pure life.

Upon repentance, the offenders went under baptism lessons and were educated about the Christian life in general. These lessons have also helped

the offenders to have a better understanding about the Word of God. The commissioner general says these offenders who will be baptised today have taken the right decision which will not only be beneficial to themselves but also to other fellow offenders. He said inmates who have been enlightened play a pivotal role in preaching to their colleagues while also sharing similar experiences. Others who have undergone training in Bible studies are further afforded the opportunity to preach within correctional centres and community churches upon invitation. Ntshangase explained that this has over the years proved to be effective as the offenders have the opportunity to express remorse for their actions while also

being given the opportunity to show society; their positive lifestyle. He further applauded society for giving offenders a second chance as it has been observed in the past. Ntshangase said the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders would otherwise be a daunting task without the support of society where the offenders are expected to return to upon release from custody.

However, now that society understands the role they ought to play; other sectors within the correctional setting such as social workers and psychologists find their work easy to do as offenders are being reintegrated. Ntshangase further encouraged the spiritual care officers to put more work in helping offenders transform their lives as they played a key role, that of providing spiritual services.

### Motivation

Through their pastoral encounters with offenders, chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support, helping offenders to begin the journey of transformation. Since chaplains are professionals with a wealth of positive life experience to draw upon, Ntshangase said they should thrive to avail themselves as offenders often seek guidance, positive motivation and encouragement. He said it is their responsibility to help offenders form a positive worldview and discover their true identity.

On the other hand, Chief Chaplain Superintendent Bethwell Dlamini has applauded Ntshangase for continuously supporting the various treatment programmes. Dlamini said though offenders are people who have been punished in accordance with the law, they are generally ignored and forgotten by the wider society. He said offenders are often isolated, afraid, angry and hurting. They often lose self-esteem, value and all sense of worth upon imprisonment. However, Dlamini mentioned that through the commissioner general's efforts and support, a number of offenders have discovered themselves; their potential and talents hence changed their way of life, all which works towards alleviating crime in our societies.





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'MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO ACTION'

## NO OVERSPENDING, POWER TO THE PEOPLE

His Majesty King Mswati III even before he officially opens the Fifth Session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament next Friday has already given us a clear indication of how 2018 will shape up.

The King has given a clear indication by directing how the two events that will shape 2018 should be handled.

The King has already directed that the 50/50 Double Celebration will be a big event but celebrated in a cost effective way by staging the main event at a smaller Mavuso Trade Exhibition Centre Sports Ground, whilst pitching big screens in the four regions for the Nation to follow and be part of the event.

This move clearly states that the country will not spent millions of Emalangeni on renovations as it has been the case in the past on renovations, but much of the available budget will go directly to logistics and catering for the King and country's guests.

In the context of a tight budget this is a commendable move from His Majesty the King and a move that curtails any possibility of looting from those politicians who will be jettisoned in a matter of months.

As the King once said in our interview last year, for Somhlolo National Stadium to have hosted the event, it needed billions of Emalangeni which was to first go not just on renovations, but a total revamp.

Clearly we did not have those billions and time was not on our side to improve its capacity beyond the 15 000 to a 30 000 seater stadium.

This project has now been put aside for the new government coming in later in the year to see how it is carried forward.

For now, we will make do with a smaller but well managed affair at the Mavuso Sports Ground. The main event given Mavuso's small size should be an all card affair, whilst the rest of us follow it through the countrywide big screens around the country.

Meanwhile, His Majesty the King has shaken up the 55 Tinkhundla Centres and added four. Not only did he add the new tinkhundla, but further ensured that people who were previously disadvantaged in terms of service delivery are now catered for.

This he did by ensuring that chiefdoms which had no access to their constituency now have access and further areas that deserved to have *bucopho* (representation at inkhundla) now have representation by adding their numbers. The total of additional number of *bucopho* was 15 in all.

According to the Elections and Boundaries Commission report it states that only 170 chiefdoms out of 334 had easy access to their inkhundla. This represented 13 of the 55 constituencies.

The report further reveals that 11 of the 59 tinkhundla will be re-located and these are; Mhlangatane, Motshane in the Hhohho Region, Kukhanyeni, Mafutseni, Mkhweni, Mangcongco, and Manzini North in the Manzini Region,

Lomahasha, Dvokodvweni, Nkilongo in the Lubombo Region, and Kubuta in the Shiselweni Region.

The King also approved the establishment of 22 sub-tinkhundla structures in 18 tinkhundla also referred to as *Takhelate* in the four regions.

The concept of sub-tinkhundla is necessitated by a number of factors which include distance, terrain, and population density which has a negative effect in its utilisation and service provision by the affected communities. The concept, therefore, seeks to balance service provision and utilisation of the inkhundla resources.

### Improvement

His Majesty also approved the improvement of the country's state of the roads across the country especially in the rural communities, which it is said need urgent attention for the general accessibility by communities and ease of conducting elections.

He also approved the adjustment of regional boundaries to accommodate chiefdoms and tinkhundla.

The Commissioner further proposed and the King approved the allocation and distribution of resources and services to be based on the

population to be serviced.

All these adjustment were made with the sole intention of improving service delivery and quality of life. The King's objective is that no one should be left behind as the country pushes forward to attaining First World Status by 2022.

The challenge is now on the electorate to ensure that proper and fit people are found to advance the King's aspirations.

All these noble efforts by the King could count for nothing if we fail to get people who will buy into his ideas and see things from his perspective.

### Repositioning

One of the fundamental issues that need to be addressed as well is the repositioning of the chiefs into the entire developmental agenda. Chiefs' role should go beyond signing of documents and must be used as reference when we pay taxes. The constitution indicated that there should be a Council of Chiefs and a House of Chiefs, which will be consulted in case there were issues that would affect their being.

At the moment our government has no budget at all for our chiefs hence uncultured elected MPs find themselves playing bigger roles

than their traditional fathers.

It is absurd that residents would run to an MP's home for help or services than visiting their *imiphakatsi*. Whilst through election people are tied to their chiefdoms, but operationally people act independently of their chiefs, hence their roles and relevance in society become marginalised.

Government would need to wake up and appreciate that this structure is most important in the being of society and therefore needs to be recognised and supported institutionally, financially and otherwise. It was from this premise when I said chiefs should be brought into the centre of the electoral process and not be at the periphery. Chiefs are the footstools of the institution of the Monarchy hence they should not be bystanders when critical national exercises are being done. What account would a chief give of an individual who has been elected and has no relationship with that person except that his/her pass book (*lipase*) names him as chief and therefore cannot be denied opportunity to stand. Whilst the EBC has attended to service delivery issues, someone else need to consider the position of chiefs in our political set-up and the role they play.



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## Dealing with Diabetes

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**D**iabetes is a chronic condition that affects people. If managed well, people with diabetes can live normal, healthy lives.

However, the many devastating effects of uncontrolled or poorly controlled diabetes are fairly well known: Diabetes, which increases a person's chances of heart attack or stroke by 200 per cent to 400 per cent, respectively, is the seventh leading cause of death and the leading cause of adult blindness, kidney failure and lower-limb amputation. But with proper management and control through daily food, fitness, medication and lifestyle choices, people with diabetes can reduce their risk of diabetes related complications. That said, diabetes is largely a "self-care" disease, which means that most of the time, *you* are in charge of many day-to-day decisions that affect your condition. This responsibility puts an individual with diabetes in the driver's seat of their personal care team—and that's a lot of pressure! So what's the most important tool you need to successfully manage diabetes?

## Knowledge

There is a lot of information available about diabetes. In the information age, there is certainly no shortage of diabetes related books, cookbooks, websites, and magazines. Unfortunately, information about diabetes is not always credible and some of the information out there is just flat-out incorrect or bad advice. How do you decide whether the information you read or hear about diabetes is safe and reliable? Fortunately, you don't have to do this on your own. A diabetes educator can help! A Certified Diabetes Educator is a qualified professional—typically, a registered nurse, registered dietitian, or a pharmacist—that provides diabetes self-management education (DSME) or diabetes self-management training (DSMT). The American Association of Diabetes Educators defines DSMT as a collaborative process through which people with or at risk for diabetes gain the knowledge and skills needed to change behaviour and successfully self-manage diabetes and its related conditions. DSMT typically focuses on the following seven behaviours—sometimes referred to as the AADE7 TM Self-Care Behaviours:

- Healthy eating
- Being active
- Monitoring
- Taking medication
- Problem solving
- Healthy coping
- Reducing risks

Your diabetes educator will help you understand what is going on inside your body. You'll learn the best methods of daily self-care and how everyday decisions regarding physical activity, meal planning, testing your blood sugar, taking your medication, and checking your feet all impact your condition—and your risk for the complications. Finally, a diabetes educator can explain the basic diabetes care you should be receiving from their doctor such as A1C testing, foot exams, blood pressure, and cholesterol checks.

While there is typically a fee charged to receive diabetes education from a Certified Diabetes Educator, it is important to note that many health insurance plans, including Medicare, cover this cost. Contact your insurance carrier to make certain that your plan covers dia-

betes self-management education. If you are uninsured, you may be able to find free or reduced cost programmes through your local health department or hospital. Even if you have to pay some money out of pocket, it will be a very important investment in your health! Diabetes education offers people with diabetes or at risk for diabetes the knowledge and skills needed to modify behaviour and successfully self-manage diabetes and its related conditions. Education helps people with diabetes to achieve optimal health status, and reduces complications such as coronary artery disease, limb loss, renal disease, and vision loss. It also improves quality of life and reduces the need for costly health care in the future.

According to America Diabetes Association, We recommend that all those with diabetes should ideally meet with a certified diabetes educator (CDE). A CDE must meet several criteria in order to be certified in diabetes education. A CDE can be a registered nurse, dietitian, doctor, pharmacist, or other licensed professional. To become a CDE, a healthcare professional must:

- Complete at least two years of professional practice and be specifically involved with diabetes education for two qualifying years.
- Acquire at least 1000 hours of experience in a health care environment where he/she provides services as a diabetes educator.

- Must hold a job in a health care facility that treats diabetes on a regular basis.

- Must work at least 32 hours a week in diabetes education.

- Must successfully pass the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators examination.

Once a diabetes educator becomes certified, he/she must maintain certification by retaking the exam or gaining continuing education credits every five years.

CEDs have the expertise to help you manage your diabetes. They provide vital insights into self-care behaviours that help you keep your diabetes in check: managing blood sugar, medication and insulin dose adjustment instruction, monitoring and exercise information. Many CDEs also specialise in insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitoring sensors.

## Recommended foods for healthy diet;

Make your calories count with these nutritious foods:

• **Healthy carbohydrates:** During digestion, sugars (simple carbohydrates) and starches (complex carbohydrates) break down into blood glucose. Focus on the healthiest carbohydrates, such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes (beans, peas and lentils) and low-fat dairy products.

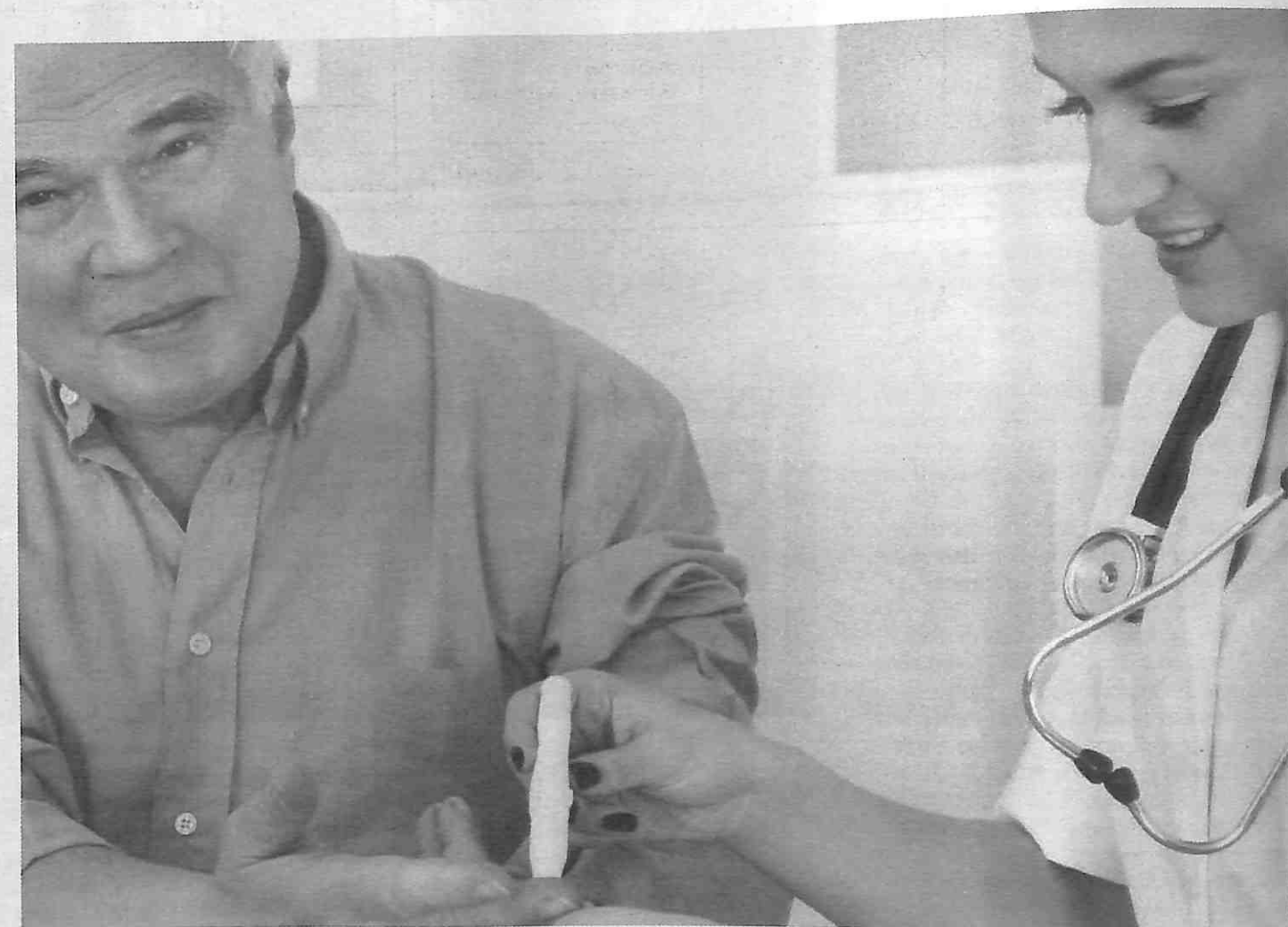
• **Fibre-rich foods:** Dietary fibre includes all parts of plant foods that your body can't digest or absorb. Fibre can decrease the risk of heart disease and help control blood sugar levels. Foods high in fibre include vegetables, fruits, nuts, legumes (beans, peas and lentils), whole-wheat flour and wheat bran.

• **Heart-healthy fish:** Eat heart-healthy fish at least twice a week. Fish can be a good alternative to high-fat meats. For example, cod, tuna and halibut have less total fat, saturated fat and cholesterol than do meat and poultry. Fish such as salmon, tuna, are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which promote heart health by lowering blood fats called triglycerides. However, avoid fried fish and fish with high levels of mercury.

• **'Good' fats:** Foods containing monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats—such as avocados, almonds, pecans, walnuts, olives, and canola, olive and peanut oils—can help lower your cholesterol levels. Eat them sparingly, however, as all fats are high in calories.

Talk with your doctor or visit [www.DiabetesEducator.org](http://www.DiabetesEducator.org)

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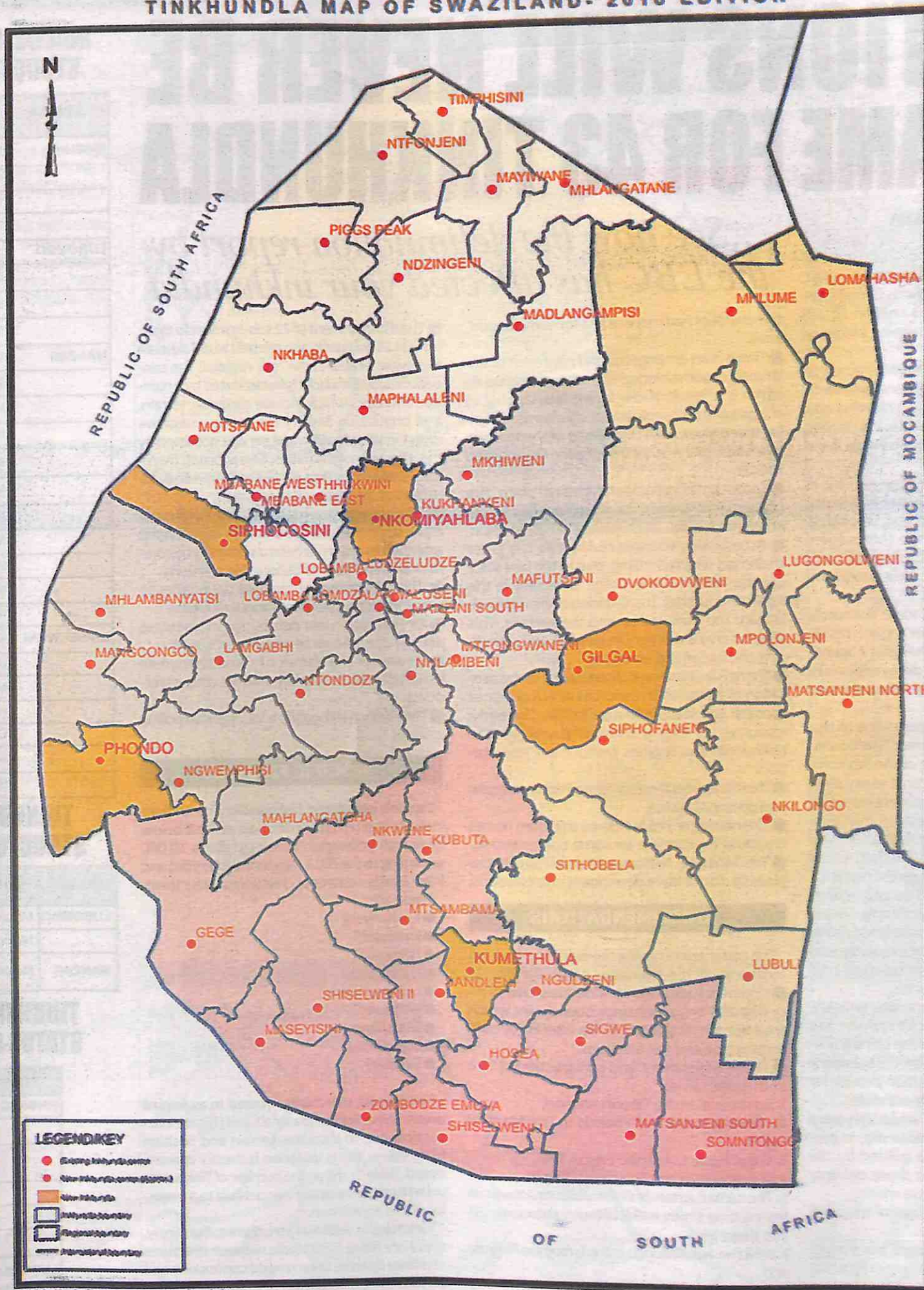


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## TINKHUNDLA BOUNDARIES REVIEW REPORT



# ELECTIONS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME FOR 43 TINKHUNDLA

BY ALEC LUSHABA  
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**T**HE recently published delimitation report by the Elections and Boundaries Commission (EBC) reveals that only 13 *tinkhundla* will remain unchanged in the upcoming elections later this year.

About 42 *tinkhundla* have been affected to the extent that one *inkhundla* (Hlane) was abolished, whilst five others were created; Nkomiyahlaba and Phondo in Manzini, Siphocosini in the Hhohho region, Gilgal in Lubombo and Kumethula in the Shiselweni region.

The 13 that would remain unchanged are as follows; Hhohho (Lobamba, Mbabane West, Mayiwane, Pigg's Peak, Ntonjeni and Timphisini), Manzini (Nhlambeni), Lubombo (Matsanjeni North, Lugongolweni and Mpolonjeni), and Shiselweni (Zombodze Emuva, Shiselweni I and Ngudzeni).

The report further reveals that some *tinkhundla* that were encroaching into other regions resulted in the re-adjustment of some region's boundaries to ensure that no *inkhundla* overlaps into another region and no one chief falls under two *tinkhundla* centres.

The EBC in defining the importance of the exercise they have just done, stated: "The boundary delimitation process is one of the key components and challenges of almost every electoral system. It has profound consequences for the electoral and political systems of the country; shaping constituencies through a delimitation process (that) can affect the fairness of elections and hence political representation."

It further states that it should be appreciated that even though there are no internationally agreed factors to take into account when delimiting boundaries, a number of organisations have drawn guidelines and principles to consider when delimiting boundaries.

"The principles include impartiality, equality, representativeness, non-discrimination and transparency. In furtherance of the same guidelines and principles, the EBC - an independent body and the country's Constitution provide for free and fair elections," the report states.

The report further states that whilst they were about 94 request for new *tinkhundla*, in producing this report they were guided by the Constitution which states that there can only be 60 *tinkhundla* centres and no more.

The following were the findings of the commission:

The findings of the exercise indicate a number of outcomes some of which were not anticipated. These include chiefdom boundaries that overlap into other *tinkhundla* and/or *tinkhundla* boundaries that overlap into other regions which is not in line with the requirements of the 1993 Delimitation Report. The findings generally speak to the following:

● The existence of unresolved underlying chieftaincy disputes and chieftaincy boundaries which are a determining factor in the interest of conducting free and fair elections. Glaringly, some

*...See how the delimitation report by the EBC has affected your inkhundla*

communities had more or less the same boundaries.

● There is an emergence and existence of *tinkhundla* of convenience/operational *tinkhundla* which is a result of chiefdoms overlapping to one or more *inkhundla* and or chiefdoms realigning themselves with *tinkhundla* of their choice much against the 1993 Delimitation Commission Report.

● Some *tinkhundla* boundaries fell out of the regional boundaries, much against the Terms of Reference of the 1993 Delimitation Commission;

● Accessibility to most *tinkhundla* is a great challenge, which is mainly due to the bad state of roads across the country, especially in the rural communities, the distance of the *inkhundla* from the population and the terrain. This affects service delivery in general and specifically the upcoming elections.

● There is an observed discrepancy in the allocation of *tinkhundla* resources which does not consider the *inkhundla* population. Currently, resources are evenly distributed amongst the *tinkhundla* and regions without any justification.

● There is a general outcry for additional *Bucophos* and polling stations.

● The naming of *Tinkhundla* by chiefdom names is a cause for concern for some communities.

● The Mhlume, Nklongo, Manzini South, *tinkhundla* do not have permanent workstations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The commission having reviewed the findings recommends the following:

● Urgent adjudication of underlying chieftaincy disputes and chieftaincy boundaries which are a determining factor in the interest of conducting free and fair elections.

● The establishment and construction of five *tinkhundla* namely;

1. Siphocosini in the Hhohho region,
2. Nkomiyahlaba and Phondo in the Manzini region,
3. Gilgal in the Lubombo region, and
4. Kumethula in the Shiselweni Region.

5. The construction of *tinkhundla* structures in the existing *tinkhundla* without structure (3) and these are;

1. Mhlume and Nklongo in the Lubombo Region, and
2. Manzini South in the Manzini Region.

● The construction of *tinkhundla* structures among the current *tinkhundla* that need to be relocated (11) and these are;

1. Mhlangatane, Motshane in the Hhohho Region,
2. Kukhanyeni, Mafutseni, Mkhweni, Mangcongco, and Manzini North in the Manzini Region,
3. Lomahasha, Dvokodvweni, Nklongo in the Lubombo Region, and
4. Kubuta in the Shiselweni Region

● The establishment of 22 sub-*tinkhundla* structures in 18 *tinkhundla* also referred to as Takhelate is recommended in the four regions. The concept of sub-*tinkhundla* is necessitated by a number of factors which include distance, terrain, and population density which has a negative effect in its utilisation and service provision by the affected communities. The concept, therefore, seeks to balance service provision and utilisation of the *inkhundla* resources.

● The state of the roads across the country especially in the rural communities needs urgent attention to ensure general accessibility by communities and ease of conducting elections.

● The adjustment of regional boundaries to accommodate chiefdoms and *tinkhundla*.

● The allocation and distribution of resources and services should be population based.

● Review of the names of some *tinkhundla* especially those that are named after chiefdoms.

● The additional *Bucophos* and suggested polling stations

## SPECIFIC FINDINGS

**Densely populated *tinkhundla*:** The findings indicate that ten (10) *tinkhundla* as listed below have high population densities (above 10 000 according to the 2013 registered voters list) and have a large number of chiefdoms under them.

These are:

- Kukhanyeni
- Kwaluseni
- Lobamba
- Ludzeludze
- Lugongolweni
- Mkhweni
- Motshane
- Ngwempisi
- Sandleni

***Tinkhundla* structures located in awkward areas:** Some *Tinkhundla* structures (26) are inaccessible due to distance, terrain and position from where the population is mostly concentrated. Table 1, shows the number of *Tinkhundla* with structures that are inaccessible to a majority of the population.

***Tinkhundla* without structures:** Currently, there are three *Tinkhundla* without structures and they operate on arranged community and private company structures as shown by Table 2.

***Tinkhundla* to retain status quo:** About 13 of the 55 *Tinkhundla* are relatively accessible and utilised considering their proximity, terrain and available transportation. Communities under these *tinkhundla* are comfortable with the attributes of their *inkhundla*. This is clearly depicted by Table 3.

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## INACCESSIBLE TINKHUNDLA STRUCTURES PER REGION

REGION	INKHUNDLA	CURRENT LOCATION
HHOHO	Mhlangatane	KaZinyane
	Motshane	Sigangeni
	Maphalaleni	Maphalaleni
	Ndzingeni	Ndzingeni
LUBOMBO	Nklongo	Mndobandoba
	Dvokodvweni	Malindza
	Lomahasha	Lomahasha
	Siphofaneni	Madlenya
MANZINI	Mafutseni	Mafutseni
	Mkhweni	Ekutsimleni
	Mhlambanyatsi	Bhunya
	Mtfongwaneni	Gundwini
	Kukhanyeni	Kukhanyeni
	Manzini North	Makholweni
	Mangcongco	Mangcongco
	Ngwempisi	Ngcoseni
	Ludzeludze	Zombodze
	Mahlangatsha	Mambafweni
SHISELWENI	Ntondozi	Ntondozi
	Kubuta	KaMfishane
	Sandleni	KaGwegwe
	Maseyisini	Vusweni
	Hosea	Lushini
	Gege	Mindazwe
	Somntongo	Vimbizibuko
	Shiselweni II	Mbangweni

## TINKHUNDLA WITHOUT STRUCTURES PER REGION

REGION	INKHUNDLA	CURRENT ARRANGEMENT
LUBOMBO	Mhlume	Company hall
	Nklongo	Company hall
MANZINI	Manzini South	Community and government structure

## TINKHUNDLA RETAINING STATUS QUO PER REGION

REGION	INKHUNDLA
HHOHO	Lobamba
	Mayiwane
	Mbabane West
	Ntfontjeni
	Pigg's Peak
	Timphisini
LUBOMBO	Lugongolweni
	Matsanjeni North
	Mpolonjeni
MANZINI	Nhlambeni
SHISELWENI	Zombodze Emuva
	Shiselweni I
	Ngudzeni





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## SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

The establishment of five extra *tinkhundla* and the subsequent abolishment of an *Inkhundla* are recommended in all the four regions bringing the total number of *tinkhundla* to 59.

The commission, having considered the high population density, distance, terrain and a large number of chiefdoms per *inkhundla*, recommended the following:

**Establishment of Nkomiyahlaba *inkhundla*** in the Manzini region is meant to ease the high population density and the large number of chiefdoms in the Kukhanyeni and Ludzeludze *Tinkhundla*. The new *Inkhundla* constitutes the following eight chiefdoms:

- Eni
- Sibuyeni
- Sankolweni
- Sigombeni
- Nsenga
- Ntunja
- Ngcayini
- Vusweni

## Legend

- UMPHAKATSI
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- RECOMMENDED NEW INKHUNDLA
- ▲ RECOMMENDED INKHUNDLA LOCATION
- RECOMMENDED REG. BOUNDARY
- 1993 INKHUNDLA BOUNDARY
- RECOMMENDED INKHUNDLA BOUNDARY
- REGIONAL BOUNDARY

**Establishment of Phondo *inkhundla*** in the Manzini region is meant to ease the high population density, distance, terrain and the large number of chiefdoms in the Ngwempisi.

The new *Inkhundla* constitutes the following five chiefdoms:

- Bhadzeni II
- Lushikishini
- Khabonina
- Mahhashini
- Mgazini

## Legend

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**Establishment of Kumethula *inkhundla*** in the Shiselweni region is meant to ease the high number of chiefdoms/polling divisions under Sandleni *Inkhundla*. The recommendation divides Sandleni *Inkhundla* into two and the new *inkhundla* consists of the following:

- Mbangweni
- Gasa
- KaNkomonye
- KaNzamenya
- Lomfa
- Mbabane
- Khamsile
- Nkalaneni

FIGURE 1: THE SHADED AREA ILLUSTRATES THE PROPOSED NKOMIYAHLABA INKHUNDLA

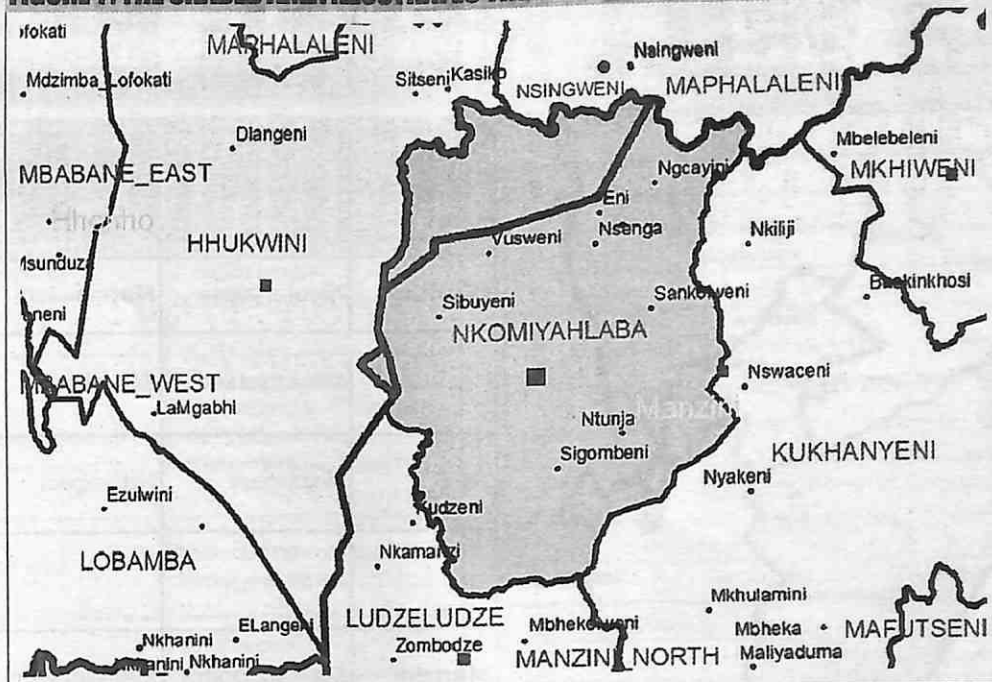


FIGURE 2: THE SHADED AREA ILLUSTRATES THE PROPOSED PHONDO INKHUNDLA



FIGURE 3: THE SHADED AREA ILLUSTRATES THE PROPOSED KUMETHULA INKHUNDLA



The relocation of 11 *Tinkhundla* structures is recommended.

The Commission, having considered issues of accessibility, terrain and distance proposes the relocation of *tinkhundla* structures as indicated in Table 6 below.

The relocation is informed by the distance of the structure and the larger part of the *inkhundla* population.

## THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED RELOCATION OF TINKHUNDLA STRUCTURE PER REGION

REGION	INKHUNDLA	CURRENT LOCATION	NEW LOCATION
Hhohho	Mhlangatane	KaZinyane	Gushede
	Motshane	Sigangeni	Motshane next to high school
Lubombo	Nkilongo	Mndobandoba	Farm next to Matata shopping centre
	Dvokodweni	Mdumezulu	Mbadlane area
	Lomahasha	Lomahasha	Nduma area
Manzini	Mafutseni	Mafutseni	Timbutini or Ntabamhlophe
	Mkhiweni	Ekusimleni	Luve
	Kukhanyeni	Kukhanyeni	Nyakeni next to Magida store
	Mangcongco	Mangcongco	Malutha next to boarder gate
	Manzini North	Makholweni	Manzini Central
Shiselweni	Kubuta	KaMfishane	KaPhunga police station



ABOVE: Traditional leaders during a discussion led by the EBC on the delimitation exercise.

BELOW: Delimitation technical team in progress







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**FIGURE 4: THE SHADED AREA ILLUSTRATES THE PROPOSED SIPHOCOSINI INKHUNDLA**

Establishment of Siphocosini inkhundla in the Hhohho region is meant to ease the high population density, distance and terrain in the Motshane inkhundla.

la. The recommendation divides the Motshane inkhundla into two and the new *Inkhundla* constitutes the following chiefdoms:

- Sigangeni
- Luhlendlweni
- Mantabeni
- Siphocosini



### NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL BUCOPHO PER INKHUNDLA AND CHIEFDOM

Out of the 85 requests for additional Bucopho by various communities throughout the country, 15 are recommended to enhance service delivery. Currently there

are 334 *bucopho* and the evaluation process recommends 15 additional, which will then total to 349. To expedite the requests for additional *bucopho*, the commission

considered the following:

- Population density within the chiefdom
- Distance and terrain covered by *bucopho*

REGION	INKHUNDLA	CHIEFDOM	NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL BUCOPHO
Hhohho	Nkhaba	Ekuvinjelweni	1
	Madlangempisi	Buhlebuyeza or Tfundini	1
	Ntfontjeni	Mshingishingini	1
	Mayiwane	Mkhuzweni	1
Manzini	Mtfongwaneni	Gundvwini	1
	Mahlangatsha	Mgofelweni	1
Shiselweni	Mtsambama	Ebenezer	1
	Hosea	Nsingizini	1
	Kubuta	KaPhunga	1
	Nkwene	Buseleni	1
Lubombo	Lubuli	Mabantaneni	1
	Lugongolweni	KaLanga (Mhlumeni)	1
	Lomahasha	Lomahasha	1
	Sithobela	Luhlanyeni	1
	Sithobela	Nokwane	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>

The establishment of 22 Sub-Tinkhundla (*Takhelate*) structures in all the regions is recommended.

The sub-*inkhundla* is aimed at ensuring the equity and accessibility of populations within an *inkhundla* that are equally far from the existing structure.

### THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 22 SUB-TINKHUNDLA STRUCTURES

REGION	INKHUNDLA	CURRENT LOCATION INKHUNDLA	PROPOSED LOCATION OF SUB STRUCTURE	AFFECTED CHIEFDOMS
Hhohho	Maphalaleni	Maphalaleni	Nsingweni	Madlolo, Nsingeni, Mfeni
	Mhlangatane	Zinyane	Zinyane	Zinyane, Ndwabangeni, Mangweni
	Ndzingeni	Ndzingeni	Nkonyeni area	Meleti, Ntsanjeni and part of Mgungundlovu
			Next to Ekubongeni High	Bulandzeni, Nkamanzi
Manzini	Mahlangatsha	Mambafweni	Nkhubabulongo	Nciniseleni, Ndzelani, Sgcineni and KaZulu
	Mafutseni	Mafutseni	Mafutseni	Mafutseni, Bhudla
	Mangcongco	Mangcongco/ Zenukeni	Mangcongco/ Zenukeni	Mangcongco or Zenukeni
	Mhlambanyatsi	Bhunya	Lundzi emphakatsi	Lundzi
	Mftongwaneni	Gundvwini	Mahashulane/ KaMkhanya	Ndlandlameni, Hlane/Bulunga
	Kukhanyeni	Nswaceni	Kukhanyeni	Nkiliji, Bhokinkhos, Nswaceni and part of Nyakeni
	Mkhiweni	Kutsimleni	Mliba	Khuphuka/Ngomane, Mnjoli or Kalikima and Dvokodwani
Shiselweni	Gege	Mlindazwe	Mjikijelweni	Nshamanti, Nsukazi, Sidwala and Siyendle
	Hosea	Lushini	Hlutse	Manyiseni, Hhohho Emuva and Nsingizini
	Kubuta	KaMfishane	Moti	Kholwane, KaGwebu, kaNdlovu and part of KaPhunga
	Kubuta	KaMfishane	KaMfishane	eZishineni and Ngobolweni
	Kubuta	KaMfishane	Emabhananeni	Mboke, part of Nhlalabantfu and part of kaPhunga
	Maseyisini	Vusweni	Mbilaneni emphakatsi	Mbilaneni
	Shiselweni 2	Mbangweni	KaLotjelwa	Mbabala, Mahlalini, Mbeka, Mpangweni, Sikhotseni
	Somntongo	Vimbizibuko	Etjeni	Ezindwendweni, Lulekweni, Nsibane
Lubombo	Lomahasha	Lomahasha	Nduma area	Lomahasha, Shewula, Mafucula
	Dvokodwani	Mdumezulu	Dvokodwani inkhundla structure	Mdumezulu
		Hlane	Hlane inkhundla structure	Hlane, Ntandweni







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### TINKHUNDLA TO RETAIN STATUS QUO

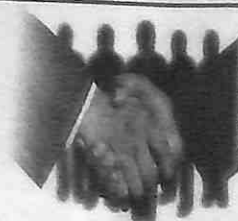
It is recommended that 13 of the 55 *Tinkhundla* should retain the current composition of chiefdoms and locations of the *tinkhundla* structures with the exception of its boundary adjustments.

REGION	INKHUNDLA	CURRENT LOCATION	CURRENT CHIEFDOMS
HHOHHO	Lobamba	Lobamba	Ezulwini, Elangeni, Lobamba, Nkhanini, Zabeni
	Mayiwane	Mkhuzweni	Herefords, Mavula, Mkhuzweni, Mkhweni, Mfasini
	Mbabane West	Checkers	Manzana, Nkwadini, Mngwaneni
	Ntfontjeni	Ntfontjeni	Vusweni, Mshingishini, Lomshiyo, KaHhohho, Emvembili, KaNdwardwa, KaHhelehhele
	Piggs Peak	Piggs Peak	Bulembu (Luhhumanani I), Luhhumanani (KaNdeva), Luhlangotsini, Pigg's Peak, Nginamadvolu, Nsangwini
LUBOMBO	Timphisini	Ludzibini	Mashobeni North, Emvembili, Ludzibini, Hhohho
	Lugongolweni	Ka-Langa	Kalanga, Milindazwe, Sitsatsaweni, Makhewu
	Matsanjeni North	Tikhuba	Lukhetseni, Mambane, Maphungwane, Tikhuba
	Mpolonjeni	Mpolonjeni	Kashoba, Ngcina, Sigcaweni, Ndzangu, Mpolonjeni
	Nhlambeni	Mphankhomo	Ngonini, Njelu, Mphankhomo, Masundwini
SHISELWENI	Ngudzeni	Ngudzeni	KaMbiko, KaMhawu, KaMshengu, Kukhanyeni/Mphini, Lusitini, Ndushushulweni, Nokwane, Phobane
	Shiselweni I	Mantambe	Dumenkhungwini, Eposini, Hhuhuma, Mabonabulawe, Mnchinsweni, Manyandzeni, Zikhotheni
	Zombodze Emuva	Zombodze	Bulekeni, Mampondweini, Ngwenyameni, Zombodze

### CHIEFDOMS BE RE-ALIGNED TO DIFFERENT TINKHUNDLA

It is recommended that 48 of the 334 Chiefdoms be realigned to different *tinkhundla*.

REGION	AFFECTED CHIEFDOM/S	CURRENT INKHUNDLA	PROPOSED	JUSTIFICATION
	KaSiko, Esitseni	Maphalaleni	Hhukwini	Community request and distance consideration
	Emeleti, Ntsanjeni	Maphalaleni	Ndzingeni	distance consideration and Established sub- inkhundla (Ndzingeni)
	Mdzimba/Lofokati	Nkhaba	Mbabane east	Community request and distance consideration
	Mavula	Mhlangatane	Madiangempisi	Community request and distance consideration
	Siphocosini, Luhle ndlweni	Motshane	Siphocosini	Establishment of new inkhundla- Siphocosini
	Sigangeni, Mantab eni			
Lubombo	Ntandweni	Hlane	Dvokodweni	Community request
	Hlane	Hlane	Dvokodweni	Abolishment of Hlane Inkhundla
	Tsambokhulu	Lomahasha	Mhlume	Community request
	Nkanini/Lusabeni	Lubuli	Nkilongo	Community request
	Khuphuka/Ngomane	Hlane	Mkhiweni	Affected by regional boundary
	Likima/ Mnjoli	Hlane	Mkhiweni	Affected by regional boundary
	Bulunga	Mtfongwaneni	Gilgal	Establishment of new inkhundla - Gilgal
	Hlutse	Siphofaneni	Gilgal	Establishment of new inkhundla - Gilgal
	Macetjeni	Siphofaneni & Dvokodweni	Gilgal	Establishment of new inkhundla - Gilgal
	Etjedze	Dvokodweni	Gilgal	Establishment of new inkhundla - Gilgal
	Sgcweni West	Dvokodweni	Gilgal	Establishment of new inkhundla - Gilgal
	Vikizijula	Siphofaneni	Gilgal	Establishment of new inkhundla - Gilgal
Shiselweni	Bufaneni	Sandleni	Hosea	Community request
	Kamboke	Mtsambama	Kubuta	Community request, distance
				Consideration and relocation of Kubuta Inkhundla
	Kagwebu	Nkwene	Kubuta	Distance consideration and establishment of sub inkhundla at Moti
	Nkomonye, Nzameya, Khamsile, Lomfa	Sandleni	Kumethula	Establishment of new inkhundla - Kumethula
	Mbabane, Nkalaneni, Gasa and Mbangweni			
Manzini	Bulunga	Mtfongwaneni	Gilgal	Distance consideration and establishment of new inkhundla
	Eni, Ngcayini, Sankolweni, Nsenga	Kukhanyeni	Nkomiyahlaba	establishment of new inkhundla
	Sibuyeni, Sigombeni, Vusweni	Ludzeludze	Nkomiyahlaba	establishment of new inkhundla
	Ngwenyameni	Lamgabhi	Lobamba lomdza- la	Affected by inkhundla boundary alignment
	Mhobodleni	Manzini south	Kwaluseni	Community request and distance
	Mgazini, Bhadzeni II, Mahhashini, Lushikishini, Khabonina	Ngwempisi	Phondo	Establishment of new inkhundla







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### RE-ALIGNED REGIONAL BOUNDARIES TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXISTING TINKHUNDLA

Some Tinkhundla boundaries fall within two or more regional boundaries. This means that the regional boundaries have to be realigned in order to meet the requirements of the Constitution.

The table below illustrates the regional boundaries that are affected. Furthermore, a complete list of affected farms with farm numbers is in annex five.

REGION	INKHUNDLA	PROPOSED REGIONAL BOUNDARY
Hhohho	Lobamba - Ludzeludze	The regional boundary should accommodate the whole Lozitha-chieftdom under Ludzeludze Inkhundla into the Manzini region which used to extend to the Hhohho region.
		Between Ludzeludze inkhundla in the Manzini region and Lobamba inkhundla in the Hhohho region, Liposi River was used as proposed regional boundary.
	Lobamba - Lobamba Lomdzala	The regional boundary should accommodate Sitjeni area under Nkhanini chieftdom into the Hhohho region. This area was under the Manzini region.
		The regional boundary now runs through Mhlambanyatsi River.
Manzini	Ludzeludze or the proposed Nkomiyahlaba-Hhukwini	It is recommended that Vusweni chieftdom should be part of the proposed Nkomiyahlaba or Ludzeludze inkhundla under the Manzini region.
		It is proposed that regional boundary should run along the Mdzimba Mountain to Mbuluzi river so as to fully accommodate the Vusweni chieftdom in the Manzini Region.
	Mkhiweni-Maphalaleni	The current regional boundary between Hhohho and Manzini regions which cuts through Mbelebeleni chieftdom under Mkhiweni inkhundla in the Manzini region is confirmed.
		The boundary runs through the Mbuluzi River. The affected part of Mbelebeleni is attached to private farms which complicates the adjustment process.
Mkhweni	Hlane	The regional boundary between Lubombo and Manzini which cuts through Khuphuka/Ngomane and Mnjoli /KaLikhima in the Hlane inkhundla is confirmed. The boundary adjustments could not be effected due to complications with private farms attached to the chieftdoms.
		Intersection boundary between Kutsimleni chieftdom under Mkhiweni inkhundla and Mafutseni chieftdom under Mafutseni inkhundla, Mbuluzana river which connects to a cadastral line to Manzini/ Lubombo Regional boundary was used.
	Mafutseni - Gile	A slight adjustment in the regional boundary between Manzini and Lubombo is recommended to accommodate the small portion of Bhudla chieftdom into the Mafutseni-inkhundla in the Manzini region.
	Dvokodvweni	Between Mafutseni and Dvokodvweni inkhundla, Mtimphofu river was used as proposed regional boundary for Manzini and Lubombo region

REGION	INKHUNDLA	PROPOSED REGIONAL BOUNDARY
Shiselweni	Ngudzeni	The existing regional boundary between Lubombo and Shiselweni which cuts through Nokwane chieftdom under Ngudzeni Inkhundla in the Shiselweni region is confirmed. The boundary adjustment could not be effected due to complications around private farms that are attached to the chieftdom.
	Nkwene - Mahlangatsha	The regional boundary between Manzini and Shiselweni should accommodate the whole of Buseleni chieftdom under Nkwene in the Shiselweni region. The regional boundary should run along the mountain.
		Intersection of Mahlangatsha chieftdom in the Manzini region and Buseleni chieftdom under Nkwene inkhundla in the Shiselweni region, Mangulube mountain range was used as a regional boundary to demarcate Manzini and Shiselweni region.
Lubombo	Somntongo - Lubuli	The regional boundary between Lubombo and Shiselweni should be adjusted to accommodate the whole of Nsubane chieftdom under Somntongo inkhundla in the Shiselweni region.
		The boundary is guided by the cadastral as the chieftdom is attached to farms.
	Siphofanani - Gilgal - Mfongwaneni	The regional boundary should accommodate the whole of Hlutse chieftdom under one Inkhundla in the Lubombo region to avoid the split if the proposed Gilgal Inkhudla is approved
		The current regional boundary and the chieftdom arrangements should be maintained if the proposed Gilgal Inkhudla is not approved
		Mtimphofu River was used as a boundary to demarcate Gilgal inkhundla in the Lubombo region and Mfongwaneni inkhundla in the Manzini region

### THE EXERCISE IN SUMMARY

THE exercise has observed that there are polling divisions that have more than enough *Bucopho* and it is recommended that they be abolished.

These include the following areas:

- Khamsile under Lomfa chieftdom (Sandleni Inkhundla) in the Shiselweni Region;
- KaNdlovu under Zishineni chieftdom (Kubuta Inkhundla) in the Shiselweni Region and
- Etjedze under Macetjeni chieftdom (Dvokodvweni inkhundla) in the Lubombo Region.

Additional Polling Stations are recommended to enhance the election process: Currently, there are 443 Polling Stations and

102 additional ones were requested. Considerations for the proposals are based on the population distribution, distance, terrain and accessibility during elections.

The considered areas will be determined by the outcome of the voter registration exercise.

The allocation and distribution of resources and services should be population based: Currently the allocation of resources, specifically the Regional Development Fund (RDF), is in total disregard of the demand and population to be served.

It is recommended that the allocation of such should be based on the number of chief-

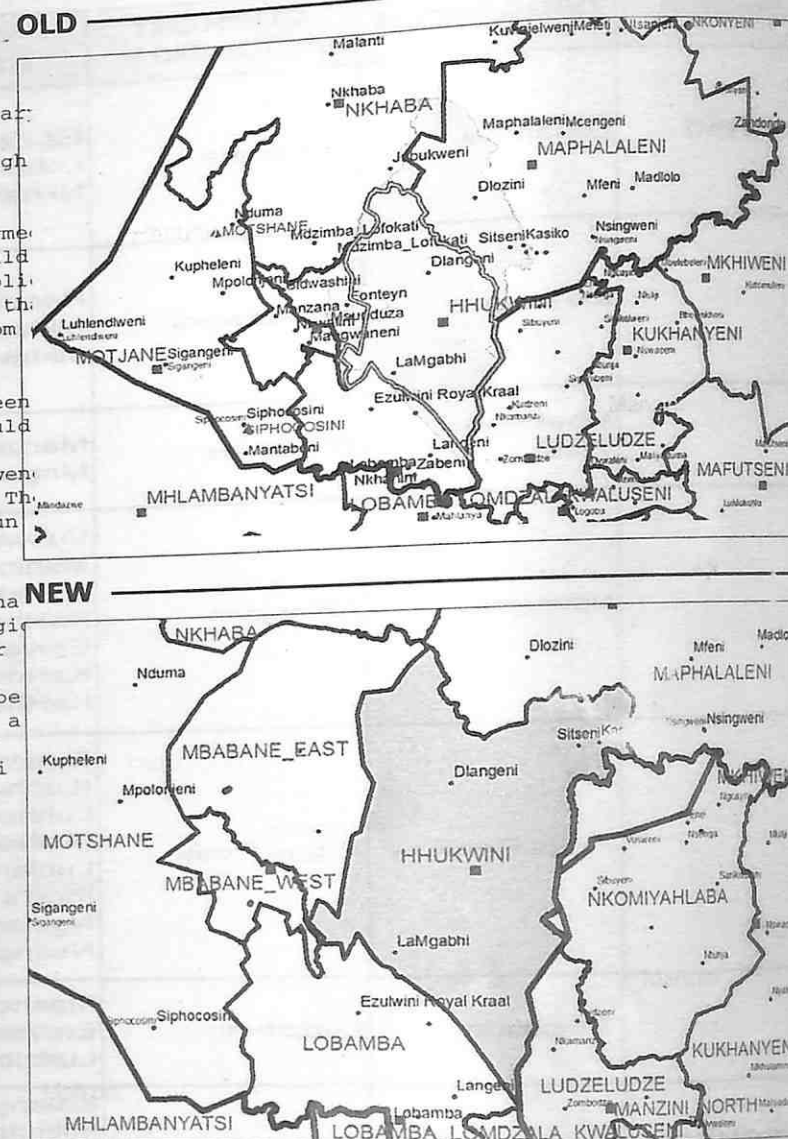
doms/polling divisions and the population distribution of an inkhundla.

The naming of Tinkhundla by chieftdom names should be reviewed: The naming of Tinkhundla by chieftdom names should be reviewed. It is recommended that the name of an inkhundla should be suggested and agreed collectively by those chieftdoms under that inkhundla.

The construction of current and proposed Tinkhundla without structures: The construction of Mhlume, Nkilonko, Manzini South and the proposed tinkhundla structures is recommended.

### TINKHUNDLA WITH CHIEFDOM COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY REGION

#### HHUKWINI



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** In addition to Lamgabhi and Dlangeni chieftdoms under Hhukwini inkhundla, Sitseni and KaSiko chieftdoms under Maphalaleni inkhundla will be incorporated because the road condition to Hhukwini is preferable than to Maphalaleni inkhundla. The total number of chieftdoms will now be four (4) under Hhukwini inkhundla. These will be Lamgabhi, Dlangeni,

Sitseni and KaSiko.

#### DERMACATION BOUNDARY

- Intersection between Hhukwini and Nkomiyahlaba inkhundla, Farm portion DLC/22 P joins Hholoshini River which moves down to Mbuluzi River was used as boundary.
- Mdzimba Mountain was used as demarcation boundary between Hhukwini and Lobamba inkhundla.

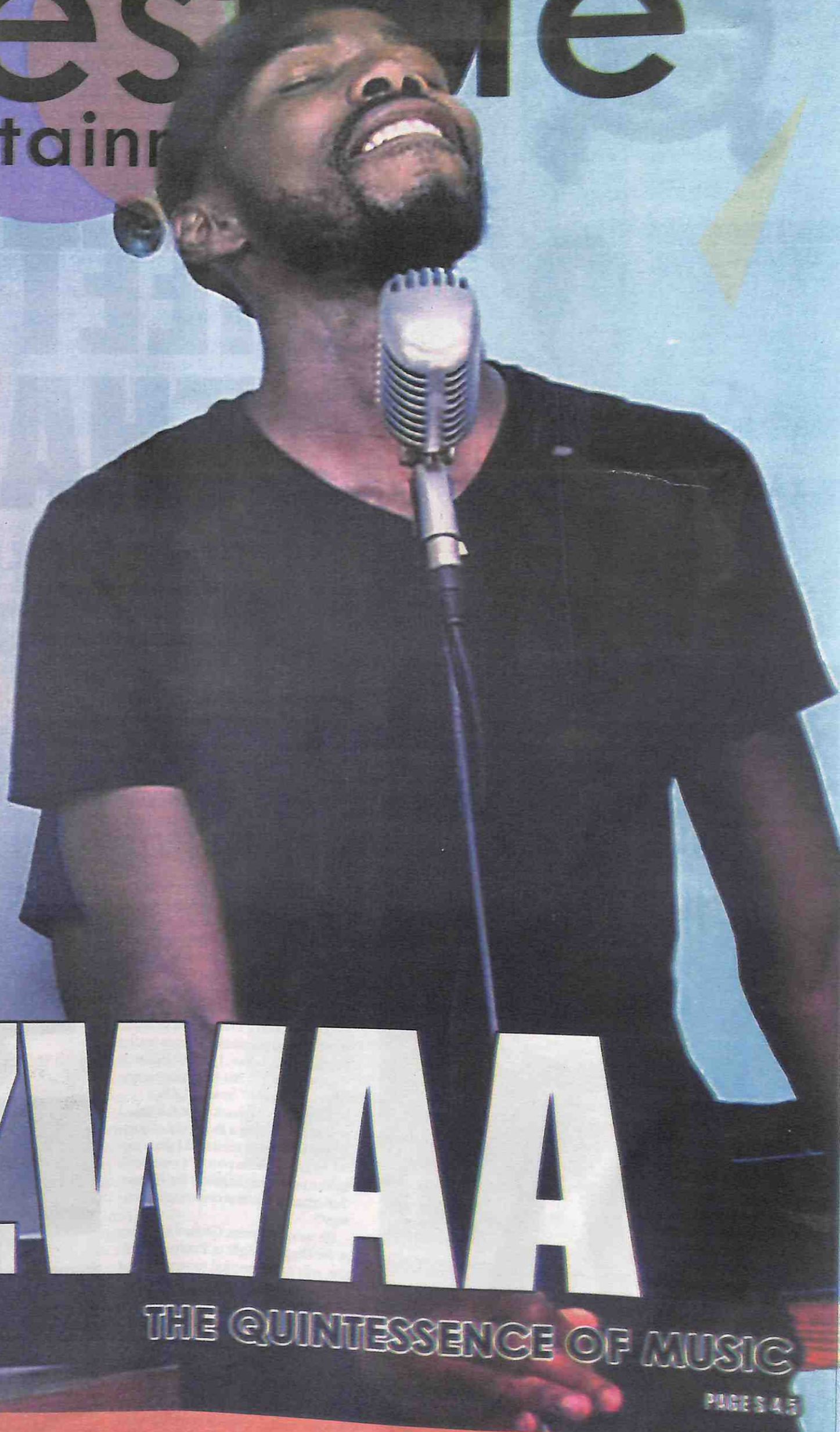




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# MZIMBA

THE QUINTESSENCE OF MUSIC

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By Ayanda Dlamini

**T**hree days to go for the lover's day, Valentine's Day. Any idea on a precious gift for your valentine? Turn to the opposite page for gift ideas. Remember, if you don't acknowl-

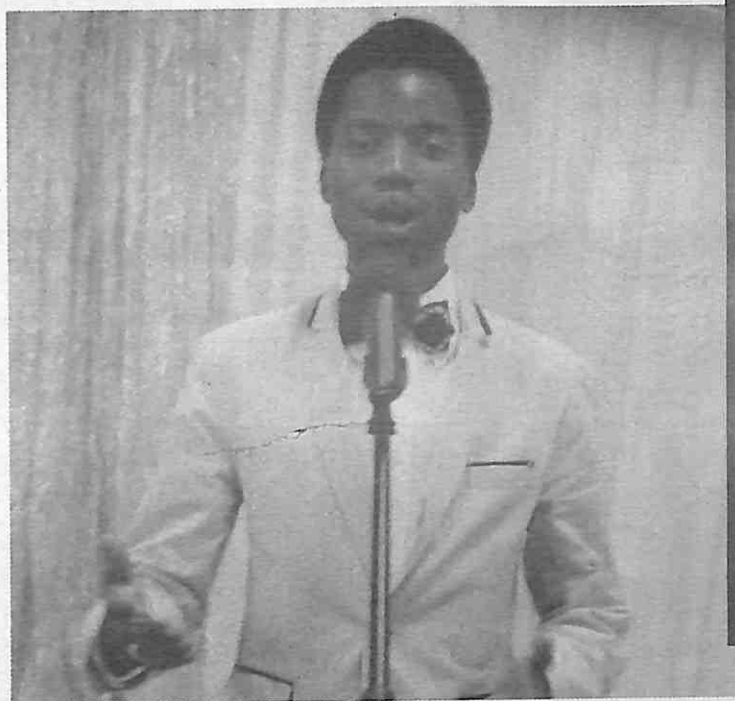
edge Valentine's Day, it means you don't really love your partner and everything you thought you knew about your relationship was a hollow, loveless facade.

On our cover today we have Mzwaa, he tells L&E that his enchanting vocals and captivating lyrics aspire

to transcend the listener's state of mind to one that resonates with happiness, love and peace. During his early teens, he picked up a liking for soulful house music. This was mainly because of the powerful and inspirational lyrics that often echo within the genre.

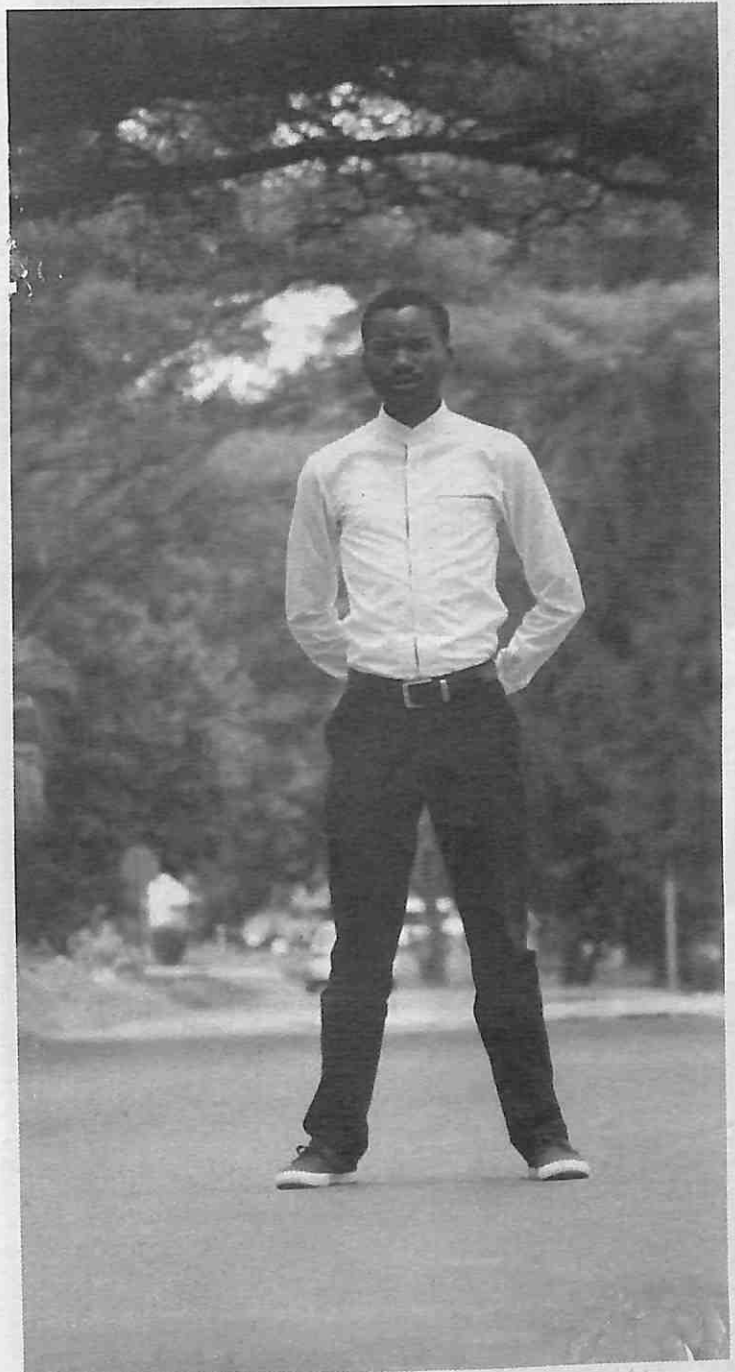
Coupled with the ability to make people dance and the consistent presence of live instrumentation within soulful house, Mzwaa grew a stronger love for this genre. Read more about Mzwaa on Page 4 and 5. *Till next week! Happy Valentine's Day.*

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**T**haban Maseko is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Uniswa, Kwaluseni Campus.

Thaban and his team are currently on The Love Pond Valentine's Poetry Tour. They were at Mbabane Campus on Thursday serenading students with love poems.

"I always knew I was a writer but it was only in Form Five when I started writing and rapping after meeting poet and rapper Terrence Octobah, now based in Pretoria. When I got to varsity, I wanted to change my life and I felt rapping about these typical petty subjects wasn't in my spirit anymore so I migrated to poetry, poetry offered me so much freedom and possibility, I even have a poem about my door. I joined UNISWA Poetry Society in 2014, it made me into what I am today," he tells L&E.

"I am an ambassador for the arts, I would like to earn a living out of poetry and I intend to recite till I die at age 90. But away from poetry, I would like to be a practicing engineer for 10 years then retire to full time commercial farming."

He won first prize General Category at the Biggest Night of Poetry in 2016, that was much needed recognition but UPS continues to be his main stage, "I have done very little compared to what I want to achieve," he says.

### Highlights

"I performed at The Word and Jazz Festival, we improved the UPS shows tremendously, it was a complete turnaround. I enjoyed the Embiteni and The



Rendezvous Poetry Shows at Kwaluseni, we hit crowds of 170 people in 2017. I have also been fortunate to be invited to recite at other tertiary institutions

including LUCT and SANU amongst other venues.

Passion and joy keeps him going, also the positive feedback, people appreci-



## Inspirational Corner

### KEEP UP BABY II

**H**is mother told him she was a good girl that she comes from a good family and would make a great wife.

So after his youthful shenanigans were over he walked her down the aisle.

Whilst he was out fooling around he thought she was in church behaving the best but she was also out doing the same, only she never stopped.

Two and a half years into the 'arranged marriage' he could not take it anymore. It is out of the picture that she hid the two children she

gave birth to before they tied the knot.

It was as though someone told her 'women cannot cheat because they always get caught' so she was out to prove them wrong. She lived a double life and no one was going to find out any minute sooner than she wanted them to.

Her innocence had been ravaged by the ugly game of love so she cared for no one.

Her trust abilities had been worn out, she did not even trust herself, how could she? Half the time she was intoxicated, either by self blame oh yes the 'unholy waters'

Also, no one ever told her how to keep up. The aunties told her how to please him and gave her all the tricks to pull to get what she wants so for those two years that is all she did.

Her honesty, unavailable because since no one told her not to cheat on him, she took her baton from where she had left off.

Now two different people were living in the same house, sleeping on the same bed but not in love. They were roommates.

They could only 'keep up' with their separate lives right under one roof.

(By Nomfundo Sifundza)

**MOTIVATION** – keep at it, perform for people as much as possible, that's the only way you will perfect your craft and learn so much more. Engage with other poets too for sharing ideas.

ating and recognising the talent, that encourages the poet.

"Poetry is very rewarding emotionally, spiritually and otherwise, we just have to collectively make it financially rewarding as well."

#### Looking forward to:

"The Love Pond Valentine's Poetry Tour with UPS, for the first time ever we are doing a three-leg tour. I'm very excited. This is all about growth and introducing more people to our art, initiating the uninitiated. Speaking of that, it has been very demanding financially, I'm just grateful that the poets have really committed to the art with their money too. We will make a loss from it but hey, it's about the art in the end.

"I'm also going to studio to record a couple of poems, I am also working on building a professional social media presence and shooting a couple of short videos. This is art, we are trying to make it a profession. As UPS, we hope to put out

an album depending on availability of resources. We will need help there.

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**JUGGLING** – it's crazy, there's so much demand for my poetry this month but I am accustomed to sleepless nights, such is the life of an engineering student. Juggling poetry and varsity calls for a lot of sacrifice.

The presidency seat was only a natural response from me to step up and be the backbone and brains of this very talented collective of poets, we have a dedicated and passionate team so my job is tough but enjoyable. I am a natural born leader. I have met so many people and learnt a lot from the entire experience."

### Gift Ideas for

## your Valentine

**E**ach year on February 14<sup>th</sup>, many people exchange cards, candy, gifts or flowers with their special "valentine."

Give a cute gift of love for Valentine's Day 2018 and show your affections with something extra special and romantic.



### Personalised key to heart keyring set

**T**his beautiful Keyring set symbolises something special in that true love has been unlocked and only the lucky recipient holds the key...how sweet!

### Personalised Bottle of Red Wine in Silk Lined Gift Box

**C**elebrate a special occasion with a truly unique gift. This 75cl bottle of French wine is decorated with a professionally designed premium label for authenticity, personalised with name, date and greeting. This one-of-a-kind bottle makes a wonderful gift for all occasions, ideal for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, retirement or other celebrations.



### Blissful Spa Day for Two



**H**ave a morning swim and sauna before a relaxing range of treatments. Treat any loved one, friend or family member to this spa day experience.

### Mini Chocolate Flower Cupcakes

**F**orget about the usual layers of sponge, icing and decoration, these mini Chocolate Cupcakes are a different take on the traditional cupcake, but are just as indulging! These are perfect as a yummy treat for the family, to share amongst friends/colleagues in the workplace or to give as an alternative gift for a special occasion.





# MZWAAA

## the Quintessence OF MUSIC

"...It's amazing how music can bring people together. Before the music we were mere acquaintances by virtue of living in the same neighbourhood, now we're like brothers...."

### Cover story

Everyone, as a child, had a dream career that they aspired to be. Some practiced soccer against the side of the house every day, some children dressed up as doctors and performed surgeries on their dolls.

Whatever the dream job was, almost all children would probably be able to give a definitive answer without hesitation when asked the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

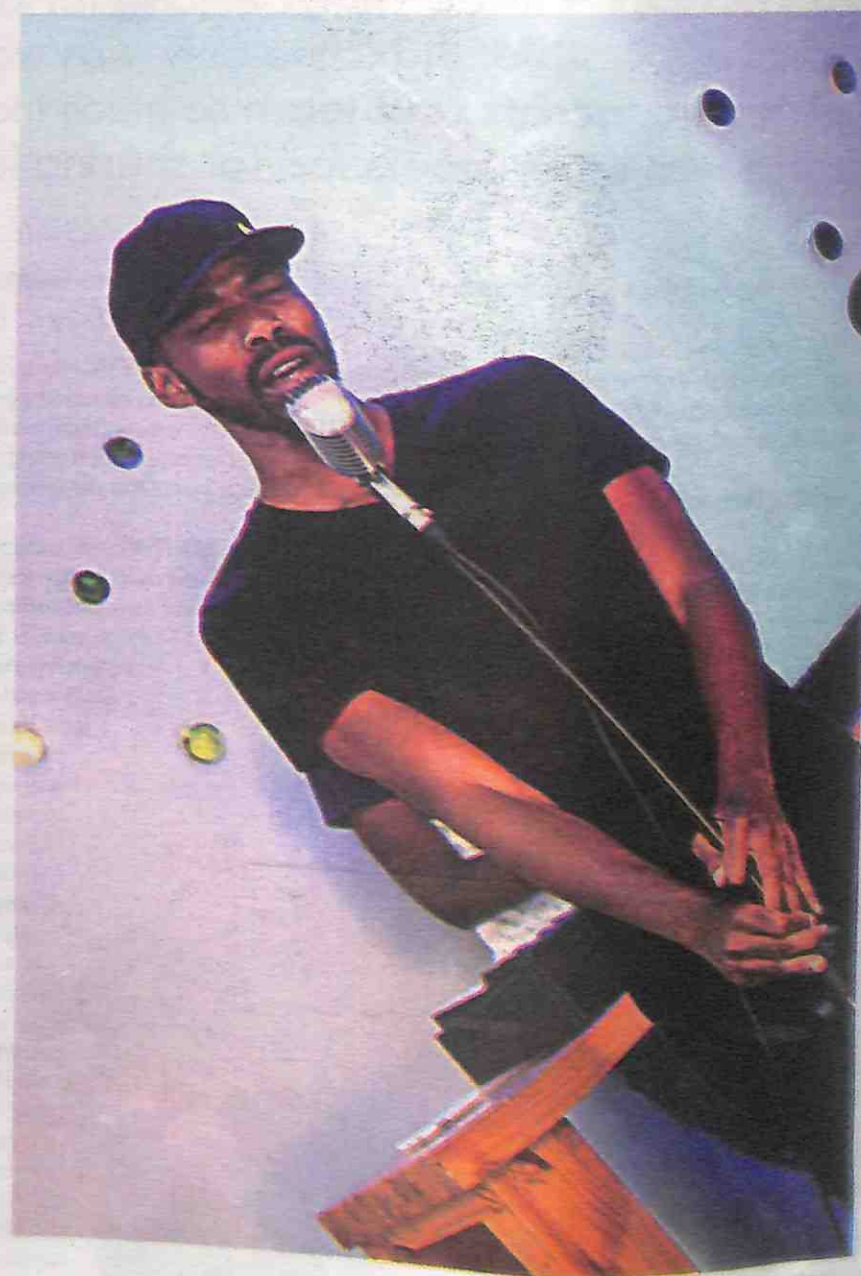
Today we have one of the country's exceptional musicians Mzwaa, formally known as Mzwandile Nkosi. He specialises on soulful house music.

Driven by the burning desire to bring hope and healing through music, Mzwaa's enchanting vocals and captivating lyrics aspire to transcend the listener's state of mind to one that resonates with happiness, love and peace. Born and raised in the heart of the Kingdom of eSwatini, Manzini - Sterksroom to be exact, his love for music was fuelled by his parents - not as musicians themselves but as devoted lovers and collectors of music. His father offered Mzwandile an early exposure to jazz music and from his mother, Mzwaa picked up a love for soul, rhythm and blues inspired by the Motown era.

### Inspiration

Artists such as James Brown, Michael Jackson and Sade formed part of his early influences and more recently, he draws inspiration from the likes of Amy Winehouse, Glenn Underground and Kendrick Lamar. "If anything I owe this love I have for music to my parents. They might have not known it then but the seed they planted in me has started to bear fruit," he tells L&E.

During his early teens, he picked up a liking for soulful house music. This was mainly because of the powerful and



inspirational lyrics that often echo within the genre. Coupled with the ability to make people dance and the cohesive presence of live instrumentation within soulful house, Mzwaa grew a stronger

love for this genre. His love for house led to the formation of the Rhythm Lab Project, alongside two of his friends Sibusiso 'Rendition' Mabuza and Sihle 'Dee' Dlamini.







## It all started at school...

**D**uring his time living in Pretoria, while pursuing his tertiary education, Mzwaa worked with Pretoria-based house music sensation Talc as well as O'man Blues (formerly known as Mr O).

"My exposure to the underground music scene in Pretoria crafted my song-writing. If it wasn't school then it was music, whether recording or just bouncing ideas off each other. I'm glad to see that a lot of the guys have gone on to have reputable careers. This challenges me even more to make it a priority to realise the full potential of my talent," he shares.

His collaboration with O'man Blues titled *Take Control* was released last year on O'man Blues' EP titled *Rebirth Pt.1* which featured the likes of Dindy and DJ Sue as well. "I recently completed collaborating with local soulful house ensemble Gruv Basement. The song is titled *Fight Another Day* and it touches on some of the challenges I had to overcome in 2017. It's a song dear to me and I hope it will play a role in encouraging the youth to rise above their hardships, especially considering the heightened youth suicides the country has been experiencing. I believe it will be one of the stand out releases with in local house music this year."

Based on his love for a variety of genres, Mzwaa's music is a cocktail of soul, rhythm and blues with notable fragments of jazz and house. However, it was through meeting his current band, The Natural Selection, that Mzwaa found the missing piece to his puzzle. How ironic that this missing piece had been hiding in plain sight as The Natural Selection had been living in his neighbourhood this

whole time.

The irony is further amplified by the fact that Mzwaa and The Natural Selection had met a couple of times before but had never imagined that it would be music that would be the basis of their brother-like relationship today. "It's amazing how music can bring people together. Before the music we were mere acquaintances by virtue of living in the same neighbourhood, now we're like brothers. If I may recall, It was through a conversation with Sisekelo's uncle that he told me about their passion for music and he suggested that we team up. That conversation changed my life."

After numerous jam sessions Mzwaa, Sisekelo 'Kelo Keys' Hlophe, Sive 'Stallion' Dlamini and Likhwa 'Dr Bass' Maseko soon began to compose their own music as Mzwaa and The Natural Selection, as he calls them.

"One of our highlights was performing at The Kitchen in Malkerns last year December. You could call it our debut performance as a band. It was a hot Sunday afternoon and our performance was just as hot, so we've been

told. We were a bit nervous because we knew the crowd hadn't heard our music before, it was all unreleased but they showed us so much love."



## CURRENTLY WORKING ON HIS EP

**M**zwaa goes on to share his excitement for 2018, "I am working on my debut EP but the aim is to release a couple of singles just to get people familiar with what I'm about.

The best part is that I'm working with people I respect, who understand what I'm trying to achieve - talented and knowledgeable producers such as Czar from New Life and Brainz from The Antidotes, Vuma from MotherLand X.

"I don't want to reveal too much but 2018 is looking good so far. My band and I are rehearsing every chance we get so, of course, we're looking forward to gracing more stages as well this year. The current state of music and entertainment in Swaziland is encouraging. Not only are Swazi's opening up to the idea of supporting their own, we're seeing a handful of locals getting support from our neighbouring countries and beyond. It speaks to the level of quality we have attained but we need to keep pushing boundaries and that's why you have the likes of myself and The Natural Selection."

## Valentine's Day ....

**"I** think valentines is a day you either love or hate, for some, it can be a day filled with gestures of love and kindness, whilst for others it's just another unwanted reminder that they're single," he beams.

"What will I be doing on valentine's Day? Well, there are some pretty mouth-watering Champions League ties that even, so yeah, I'll probably be watching Real Madrid vs. PSG."

was impactful. "More than anything, this is what drove me to further pursue my career in music. Being part of Rhythm Lab Project was a trailer to what being a musician meant. You know when you see a trailer so good you can't help but want to watch the whole movie? That was me at the time."

same year, Rhythm Lab Project released their first EP titled *Step Into The Deep Side* which featured two singles: *The Jam* and *Disturbia*. The group later on decided to focus their attention on the demands of university and amicably let the curtain fall on Rhythm Lab Project. Though the group had a short stint, their music

## Song of the Week



## Master P ft Mandisa, Mozaik, King Terry

### - Miss behave

(Mandisa Verse 1:)

Ciroc by the pool on an island  
She broke but she posting from Thailand  
She been running miles chasing money

Bridge:

Texting borrow me that cute dress  
Bring it back tomorrow  
New guy flying her  
She never been to Toronto  
How could she pass that on  
Cocaine and stencils to get it on  
She numbing her pain without knowing  
She think that's what life about

Chorus:

Call her miss-behave  
She about to misbehave tonight (x2)  
Call her miss-behave tonight

(Mozaik Verse 2:)

She smiling as the caller on the phones on the way  
She's pressing all the buttons as she's calling him bae  
She messing with Biggest so I'm calling her Faith  
Even(s) all her problems are now falling away

The Range will solve her range of problems  
The vodka's gonna drown all her pain and her sorrow  
She won't feel a thing by the end of the bottle  
She'll open up her legs for a better tomorrow

Throw a penny in her wishing well  
She'll blow a kiss and then she'll wish you well  
Famous for that so she rings a bell  
She's Not an angel for the trap she fell

Bridge:

Texting borrow me that cute dress  
Bring it back tomorrow  
New guy flying her  
She never been to Toronto  
How could she pass that on  
Cocaine and stencils to get it on  
She numbing her pain without knowing  
She think that's what life about

Chorus:

Call her miss-behave  
She about to misbehave tonight (x2)  
Call her miss-behave tonight

(King Terry Verse 3)

She misbehave in the name of having a good life  
She stay on the phone all night talking bout good vibes  
I wanna take her out for the day  
But a bottle of Ciroc make her stay  
She wanna take a selfie with me  
When the money gone she ain't messing with me  
Free tickets, renewin leases, something missing's all on me  
Day Spa Visits, Chains and Bracelets, talks bout exes all with me.

Bridge

Chorus:

Call her miss-behave  
She about to misbehave tonight (x2)  
Call her miss-behave tonight

In 2012, the group released their first single, *Incandescence*, under Blockhead Recordings (USA) collaborating with Canadian duo Beauty and The Breakdown (Amber Long and Mason Bach). The song was picked up by one of the designers at the 2012 Ottawa Fashion Week where it was subsequently premiered. That



TALENT KNOWS NO BOUNDS...

# SITHOBELA BAND'S UPWARD MOBILITY IN MBHAQANGA

**Y**ou certainly had not anticipated this one. One shrewd soul once said that seeing is believing and for many reasons than one, we are tempted to agree with this thought provoking and insightful intelligence.

Take the talent of Sithobela Band, for instance. Who would have thought a reputable business person and traditional healer (*inyanga*) would venture into music?

Just like dreams can come true, there are definitely no obstacles on the road to success for the determined and hungry soul. Dare stand on their way you would be shocked that you will not succeed. They are just like an oak tree that survives all kinds of weather or the rock of ages that has stood the test of times.

Sikhwehle Mlota, who owns Fresh Supermarket and Restaurant in Sithobela as well as properties, decided to follow his obsession. Forget that already he was an established and well-known business person who had properties that were churning out profits for him. To him the dream of making music was so vital that everything else had to temporarily wait while he followed the obsession.

Realising that he cannot go any further in isolation, Mlota roped in his wife in the music industry. He has created employment opportunities for the youngsters who he recruited as dancers in his band.

Ever heard of a female bass guitarist that is so good she is the envy of the community and fanatics at large? Then Sithobela Band will leave you mesmerised if not captivated as Mlota's wife leads from the



front.

The Lifestyle and Entertainment Desk was interested in finding out how the business person in Mlota and traditional healer of note was juggling his obsession for music, family and just about the other responsibilities bestowed on his shoulders by this life.

The father of nine gladly shared his story as detailed hereunder;

## How did it all start?

For some time now, the passion of uplifting and promoting *mbhaqanga* music promoted and uplifted in the country, was eating me up so I finally yielded. Growing up I enjoyed listening to the Soul

Brothers (legendary SA *mbhaqanga* music group) and

thought I would one day follow in their footsteps. Pity that one of their co-founders in David Masondo passed on yet we had established a relationship and were mulling over a collaboration. Two years ago the dream of following my passion (music) started eating me up and I could no longer enjoy any sleep. I want to see *mbhaqanga* music and our culture promoted within the region and the rest of the continent if not the world over.

## Were your clients not shocked?

My clients were affected by the desire to pursue music at their expense because at times these two clash. It was tough at first but nothing can stand in the way of a determined soul. Despite all the setbacks initially, I had to persevere and here we are with the debut album. For their part, the Sithobela community sat up and listened. They were dumb-

found-

ed that a business person and *inyanga* for that matter would venture into music but still they supported me. I'm glad that it dawned to all that I was not desperate per se but merely following my passion as I had a sustainable and reliable source of income.

## We are listening

Fortunately I met Bheki Zikalala who has



worked with a number of groups and he became our mentor as he walked us through the journey of making fine music despite this being our debut album. To date many are impressed and even the Soul Brothers when they were here the last time out (at Timbali Lodge last year) couldn't help but marvel at our work. One of their old guards in Zenzele Mchunu praised our work. Evidently, this means we are on the right track but this does not mean we should relax.

## Briefly describe your style of music

It is mostly influenced by the Soul Brothers as our role models. But we have avoided being a carbon copy of them but rather stick as much as is practically possible to locally brewed *mbhaqanga* fused with Swazi culture.

## Tell us about your album

It is a 10-track offering titled '*Bunye be Africa*' with the theme calling upon the black community (Swazis and Africans in general) to unite and stop the backbiting and jealousy. There is one track dedicated to Swazi culture (*Ingabisa*) where we revel about the beauty of maidens, *Sangoma*, obviously about my trade, the title track where we celebrate the indelible marks left by His Majesty King Mswati III on SADC and the world at large with his leadership skills, *Ufunani Emuva Kimi* which is a personal experience but something that happens every day where women attempt to reconcile with their ex-boyfriends whom they ditched when the going was tough, and one instrumental version, amongst others. We are saying Africans must jointly fight poverty and immorality

## How is the response thus far?

We are making waves and on stage *mbhaqanga* music fanatics just go crazy. As those who were at Mavuso Trade Centre and Timbali Lodge last year. We performed before Soul Brothers but the encores from the crowd reverberated like the mighty legends were performing. We have run out of stock already as we had printed 800 CD copies. Just the other day a client from Cape Town who slept over here pur-

chased the CD and couldn't help but marvel at the works. The Sithobela community fell in love the first time and surrounding towns such as Matata and Siphofaneni can't get enough of our music. The only challenge being the inadequate pay as I don't believe in mimicking but performing live with the full band and that is costly; with some not keen in meeting us halfway yet they want our music. So thus far my businesses are funding the music passion but am hoping in future this won't be the case.

## How do you juggle music, business and being an *inyanga*?

That's a tough one. There were times when my clients missed me a lot as I was in studio. As for the various businesses, they are in good hands and I can't complain. On the overall I'm learning to juggle these demanding responsibilities as I can't ditch either.

## How has SWAMA assisted you?

In a way I cannot imagine. The various grand stages such as Mavuso Trade Centre and Timbali Lodge are because of them. My children even assisted in registering Sithobela Band into the platform created by SWAMA and Swazi MTN, which to me was a milestone. One can only hope and pray that SWAMA will one day assist artists record their music.

## Going forward, what can we expect?

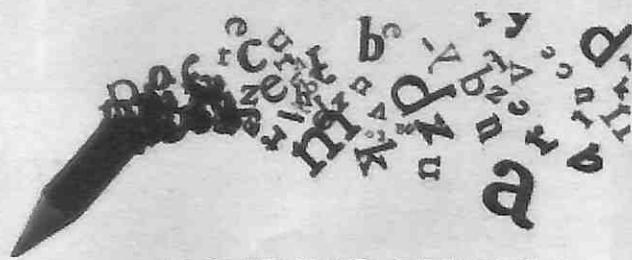
We will continue making music. Actually, we have already composed new songs and will soon go in studio to record. We are still trying to figure out which studio to use in SA. If people were shocked by the debut album, let them wait until we release this upcoming one. It will be a bomb I tell you. I'm also working on a succession plan, which is why the group is Sithobela Band and not Sikhwehle Mlota as the younger generation from the community must join in. But I'm happy that I created employment opportunities for mostly the younger generation in my home area as they can attest how their lives were transformed through music as our dancers.

(By Njabulo Dlamini)





## POETRY CORNER



## BLINDING FURRY

I can spend 24 hours admiring your angelic face  
But that would still not be enough because your  
beauty is so chaste  
Sparkling white teeth, embodied by an ultraviolet  
smile  
That makes my skin shrink and develop goose  
bumps for a while

Your beauty is beyond worded expression or  
artistic depiction  
Your beauty is that nerve-racking spiritual sensa-  
tional ignition

Its that gift that can never be a curse  
Its that gift that can forever reinforce  
Duly inner peace and proper poise

I sense the confidence in your walk  
I see the boards u scribble on without the chalk  
I see the people u manage to make run amok  
Until they kill their own self esteem still trying to  
unlock

Non-existent beauty with ponds

You are effortlessly beautiful  
With charismatic charming eyes  
Its like when u look at me  
My ears only hear lullabies  
Because I literally fall asleep and daydream of

nothing but your beauty  
You blinding ferry, please ferry me to heaven  
and back coz truly  
U have me under your wings like I'm spell bound  
by your beauty

My cardiac fabrics fibrin and woven as I try to  
fabricate stories to keep u entertained  
I would want to spend a lifetime digressing,  
digesting, focusing on your so intact  
Beautiful, gorgeous, eye-catching, enigmatic self  
Because there is more to you than meets the  
eye of a man

By Mancoba Man G

# Cartoon Corner

## Baby Blues



## Blondie



## Hagar the Horrible



## SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH | SOAPIE WATCH



## Monday 12 February

Jabu battles with the temptation to return to his old ways. Thandeka is determined to fight for what is hers. Meanwhile, Zanele's web of lies is on the brink of collapse.

## Tuesday 13 February

Judas takes a dramatic step in order to pursue his revenge. Mpiyakhe reaches out to Jabu. Thandeka owns up to her faults with hopes at a second chance.

## Wednesday 14 February

Thandeka and S'bu argue about Thandeka over exerting herself. While Melusi plans a romantic Valentine's Day, Qaphela starts suspecting Zanele.

## Thursday 15 February

Evidence of Jabu's relapse starts to reveal itself. Thandeka and S'bu receive conflicting advice regarding the battle with Ngwebedla. Qaphela sees past Zanele's lies and Zanele's world begins to unravel.

## Friday 16 February

Zanele's lies are exposed and Qaphela discovers her devastating truth. Samson reveals he knows Ngwebedla's skeletons. Iris makes a startling realisation about Jabu.

## ISIDINGO

## Monday 12 February

Nikiwe is horrified when she gets a blow by blow of how she tried to jump over the balcony. When Sechaba sees pictures of Lerato living it up in Atlanta, he decides to get out of his funk and go to work. Enhle challenges Anja to a bet that will require her to kiss Benjamin.

## Tuesday 13 February

A furious Nikiwe chases Ben from her home. Sechaba has a special plan to welcome Lerato back from Atlanta. Anja plots to get Ben's attention.

## Wednesday 14 February

Benjamin tries his best to convince Nikiwe that he didn't drug her. Sechaba is disappointed when things don't go according to plan. Anja's Valentine's Day is ruined by unforeseen circumstances.

## Thursday 15 February

Nikiwe sleep walks out of the penthouse. Lerato is ecstatic when she bags an interview for a cover feature with a local magazine. Anja is bummed when Enhle refuses to pay on their bet because she did not kiss Benjamin on Valentine's Day.

## Friday 16 February

Nina plays her cards right to become Nikiwe's saving grace. Anja makes a decision about how to get Benjamin. Sechaba feels out of place in Lerato's life.



## Monday 12 February

Konanani gets a surprise visitor at the royal house. Imani's hospitalisation brings out the worst in her loved ones. Livhu's hopes are shattered yet again.

## Tuesday 13 February

Konanani convinces Vhutshilo that Tenda is the big enemy. Ranthomeng makes a life changing decision that will change everything. Livhuwani becomes more and more desperate when she fails another pregnancy test.

## Wednesday 14 February

Livhuwani is between a rock and a hard place when Tenda surprises her. Gugu and Rashaka's lives are turned upside down. Azwindini puts Gizara in his place.

## Thursday 15 February

Rendani learns some disturbing information. Nyamukamadi has an idea to get rid of Konanani. Mulimisi has a warning for the chief.

## Friday 16 February

Konanani does the unthinkable. Gugu has a surprise for Rashaka. Mulimisi has a warning for the chief.



## Monday 12 February

Suffo stays one step ahead of the 68 gang, but at a very high price. Lungile works on Tshego. Rene hides her passport.

## Tuesday 13 February

There's a bloody showdown in prison. Jakobo starts to show his true colours. Blossom tries to help Rene.

## Wednesday 14 February

Blossom's plan to help Rene doesn't exactly go to plan. Nomalanga decides to share her terrible news. Sabelo is stabbed.

## Thursday 15 February

Sabelo fights for his life. Suffo gets good news. Lungile gets closer to Lerato. Rene makes a difficult choice.

## Friday 16 February

Suffo and Sabelo are finally released. Nomalanga has shocking news for Lerato. Lungile organises a surprise for Lerato.

## SCANDAL!

## Monday 12 February

Ambers' quarrel has unpleasant consequences for one of them when it is not confined to the bedroom. A wife misunderstands her husband, leading her to do something which would horrify him. Lindiwe hopes that pity will lead to forgiveness.

## Tuesday 13 February

A young man is determined to land a position which he would normally consider beneath him. Stokkies is on the up and up and doesn't want to involve himself in a project which he considers small fry. A pair of new lovers make a decision about their future.

## Wednesday 14 February

Quinton finds himself in the position of having to reward someone he does not like or trust. Ndumiso has big plans, but learns that the plans of someone he cares for have imploded. Sometime enemies and allies express their resentment of one another.

## Thursday 15 February

Romeo is intrigued by a reaction, and Quinton is infuriated by some evidence. Eddie is upset by what he deems to be reckless behaviour. Grace denies an accusation, but is she protesting too much?

## Friday 16 February

Romeo is given even more reason to hate someone, and embarks on a mission to wreak revenge. Gontse takes a gamble in order to rescue herself.



# I AM A PRODUCT OF MY GRANDMOTHER

## Pastor Sambulo Khumalo

**T**hrough all storms, trials and tribulations that one may face in life, God is still worthy to be praised and worshiped.

This is the message from Pastor Sambulo Khumalo an upcoming gospel star who is based in South Africa who recently released his second album titled *Sengilungele*. As if he takes after his name, Sambulo which means revelation, Khumalo has a testimony and a revelation to share with the world through his gospel music.

The humble and soft spoken yet confident minister of the gospel in music says he has gone through difficult times in his life but was able to go through the storms and emerge victorious. "The biggest challenge was growing up without a father when you knew someone is your father. I was abandoned and neglected by my father; the situation was serious such that he even sent people to my maternal family to say I am not his son. This situation made my granny to have more reason to take me to church. I remember at some point she told me not to bother myself about an earthly father as God in heaven was my father."

She



ensured that she looked after me and used money she made from weaving mats to ensure that I did not lack" he said.

He says after the motivation and encouragement from his granny he decided to take the challenges as a test from God which he says has passed with flying colours and came out of it all with the message contained in his album titled *Sengilungele* which means, I am ready. Indeed he says he is ready to take the stages by storm with his powerful music ministry which dates back from his childhood days.

This left me with a personal motto which says 'it calls for a seed to die just before it can germinate, grow and bear fruit, therefore don't shy away from challenges for they make of you what you were initially purposed for'.

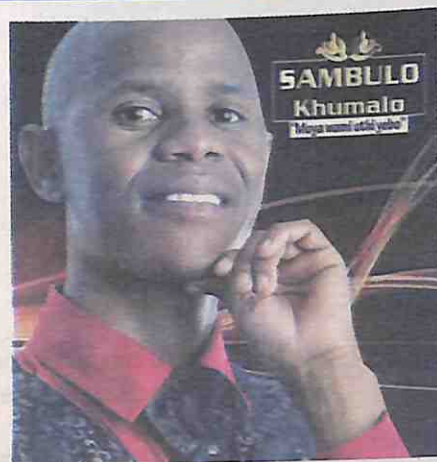
"I have always been a worshipper thus doors opened in South Africa where I found myself serving in the church. I am currently serving in South Africa in a full-time ministry in the church. The music ministry is part of the calling I have from God. I used to sing with her when weaving mats where she would call me to sit by her side and we would sing together. When I was matured and started understanding the gospel, I got to realise there were sermons. Over time I have seen God in my life as a God who really cares" he says.

Born in 1987, he started his gospel music journey at the age eight as he was raised by a God-fear-

ing family mainly his grandmother who was a staunch member of Madulini Free Evangelical Assemblies where she still serves. This is the church where he was nurtured and groomed by Rev Z Dlamini. "My grandmother, who is my spiritual pillar, effectively played her role in my life. She taught me a number of things especially about Christianity and the importance of loving God with all your heart" he said.

He has led multitudes of people in worship on an uncountable number of platforms in South Africa and Swaziland respectively. He came to the lime light when he stood out among the rest and won a recording deal after winning a singing competition staged by Witbank OK Groceries.

He recorded his first album titled *umoya wami*



*uthi yebo*, which was produced by Michael Kruger in Witbank. Although the first album did not do well as it was not well promoted he did not despair but went back to the studio a year later came out with his latest offering released late last year titled *Sengilungele*.

He started the journey officially in 2007 when he worked with Apostle V. S.S Hlatshwayo who mentored and nursed the Ministry at the River of Life Ministries in Piet Retief, Mpumalanga. He has after that worked with numerous teams where at most he became the leader and has worked with some recorded musicians.

He is currently serving full time in JRWC main branch under the leadership of Apostle Dr AN Mabaso and Prophetess Cindy Mabaso.

### The albums

•**UMOYA WAMI UTHI YEBO**  
Recorded and produced by Michiel Kruger in Witbank (2014) and released in January 2015. After an advert in the Witbank local newspaper he joined a competition that was run by Witbank OK groceries where he got the second position and then won a recording.

•**SENGILUNGELE**  
Despite all battles of life that occurred at the closing of 2016 into 2017, this became the only thing that gave light and peace to him. It is the new album released and recorded by Bongani Nkosi @ Bonqobi studio in February 2017. It is a testimony that through all storms of life and all situations God is worthy and deserves all the praise.

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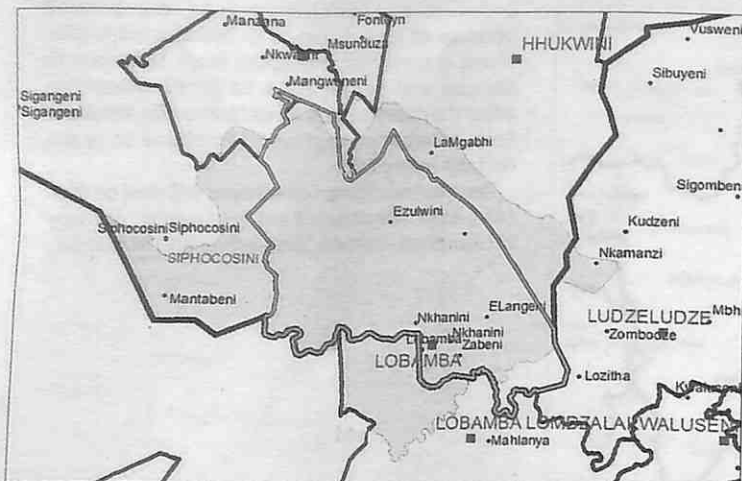


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## TINKHUNDLA WITH CHIEFDOM COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY REGION

OLD



LOBAMBA

NEW



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Retain status-quo for all chiefdoms under Lobamba inkhundla. The total number of chiefdoms will be five under Lobamba inkhundla, namely Elangeni, Ezabeni, Ezulwini, Lobamba and Nkhanini.

## DERMACATION BOUNDARY

- Mdzimba Mountain was used as boundary between Hhukwini and Lobamba inkhundla.
- Urban boundary was used as a common boundary between Lobamba and Mbabane West.
- Old inkhundla boundary was used to separate Mantabeni chiefdom under the newly established Siphocosi inkhundla from Ezulwini chiefdom.
- Between Ludzeludze and Lobamba inkhundla, Liposi River was used as proposed Regional boundary.
- Between Lobamba and Lobamba Lomdzala inkhundla, where Mhlambanyatsi River joins Lusutfu River, Mhlambanyatsi was used as the proposed regional boundary for Manzini and Hhohho regions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Realign Mavula chiefdom from Mhlangatane to Madlangempisi inkhundla and retain bucophu as per their request. It would have been ideal for Nyonyane/Maguga to be re-aligned to Ndzingeni inkhundla in the Sub-inkhundla at Nkonyeni area, however the scarcity of transport is a challenge. The total number of chiefdoms will be six, namely Nyonyane/Maguga, Buhlebuyeza/Tfuntini, KaGucuka, Dvokolwako/Kuphakameni, Mzaceni/Ekukhulumeni and Mavula chiefdom.

## DERMACATION BOUNDARY

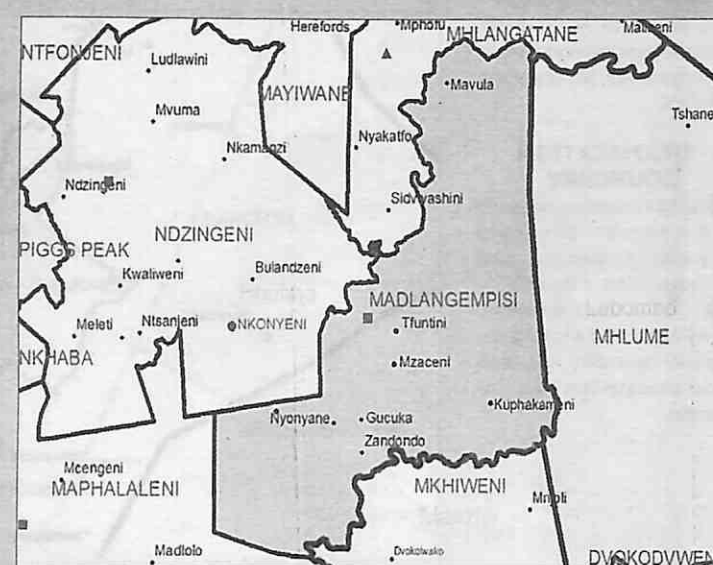
- Intersection between Gucuka chiefdom under Madlangempisi inkhundla and Madlolo chiefdom under Maphalaleni inkhundla, a cadastral boundary was used to dermacate the two tinkhundla.
- Intersection between Mhlangatane and Madlangempisi inkhundla, Mavula chiefdom operational boundary and the Regional boundary was used to dermacate the two tinkhundla.
- Intersection between Mhlume and Madlangempisi, cadastral line which is also the old inkhundla boundary was used to dermacate the two tinkhundla.

## MADLANGEMPISI

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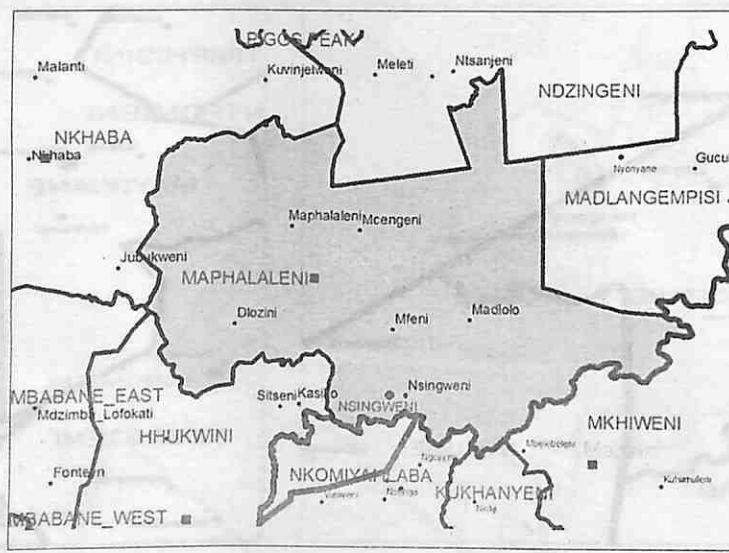


## MAPHALALENI

OLD



NEW



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Establish a sub-inkhundla for Maphalaleni inkhundla at Nsingweni old inkhundla (which was abolished in the 1993 review of tinkhundla) to serve Nsingweni, Madlolo and Mfeni chiefdoms because of the long distance and poor road infrastructure to Maphalaleni inkhundla. Re-align Ntsanjeni and Meleti chiefdoms to a sub-inkhundla at Nkonyeni under Ndzingeni inkhundla because of long distance and poor road infrastructure to Maphalaleni inkhundla.

The approximate distances of these two chiefdoms (Meleti and Ntsanjeni) to Maphalaleni is 22 km while to Ndzingeni it is 15 km. It would have been ideal to establish an inkhundla at Nkonyeni area, however due to the low population, the sub-station under discussion is recommended.

The distance for these chiefdoms to the sub-inkhundla is about 4 km. Realign Sitseni and Kasiko chiefdoms to Hhukwini inkhundla.

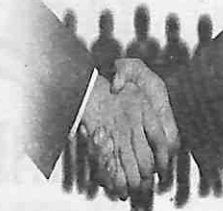
Even though the distance to Maphalaleni (approximately 7.9 km) and

Hhukwini (approximately 8.1 km) is more or less the same for these chiefdoms, Hhukwini is most preferable as it has better road infrastructure. Maphalaleni, Dlozini and Mcengeni chiefdoms will remain under the main inkhundla.

The total number of chiefdoms to remain under Maphalaleni will be six (6), namely Maphalaleni, Dlozini, Mcengeni, Nsingweni, Madlolo and Mfeni.

## DERMACATION BOUNDARY

- Intersection boundary between Mkhweni and Maphalaleni inkhundla, Mbuluzi River which is also a Regional boundary (Hhohho and Manzini) was used to dermacate the two tinkhundla at Mbelebeleni and Nsingweni chiefdoms, eliminating Mbelebeleni overlap.
- Intersection boundary between Dvokolwako and Maphalaleni Mbuluzi River which is also a Regional boundary (Hhohho and Manzini) was used to cut the two tinkhundla at Dvokolwako and Mbuluzi army barracks which is physically at Maphalaleni inkhundla.
- Intersection between Hhukwini and Nkomiyahlaba inkhundla, Farm portion D/LC22 P joins Hholoshini River which moves down to Mbuluzi River was used as boundary.
- Intersection between Gucuka chiefdom under Madlangempisi inkhundla and Madlolo chiefdom under Maphalaleni inkhundla, cadastral boundary was used to dermacate the two tinkhundla.





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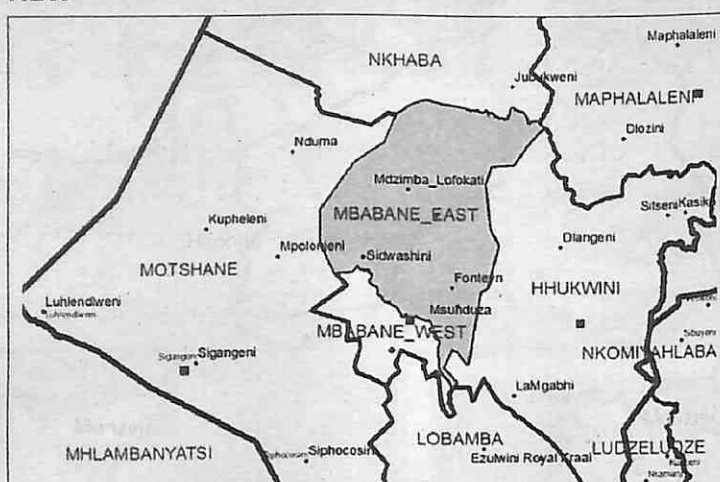
## TINKHUNDLA WITH CHIEFDOM COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY REGION

**MBABANE EAST**

**OLD**



**NEW:**



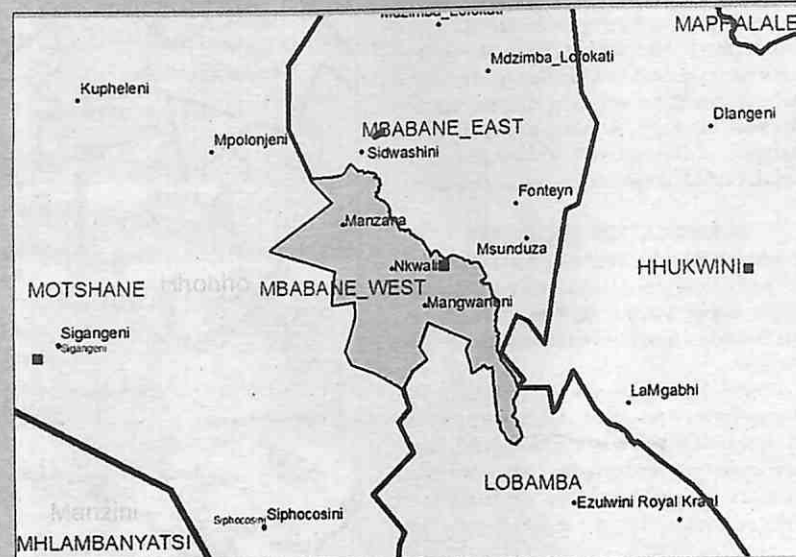
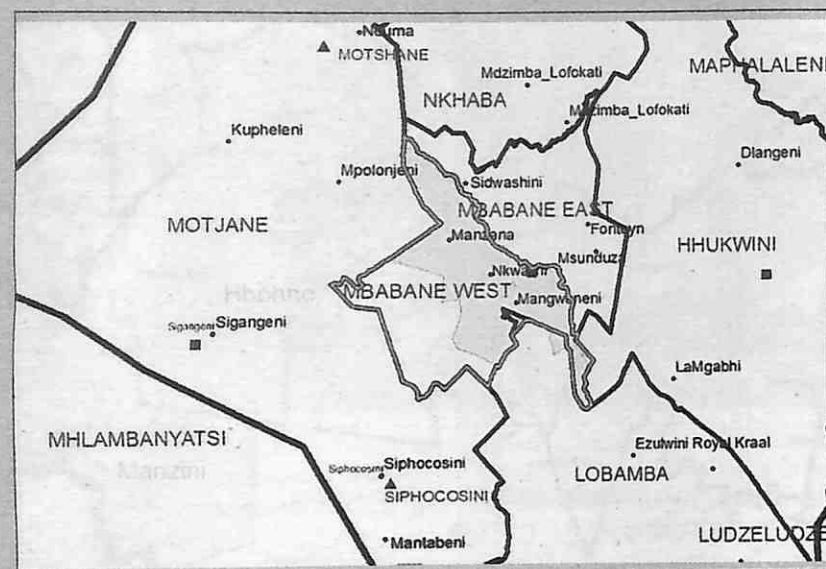
**RECOMMENDATIONS:** In addition to Musunduzza, Fontein and Sidwashini chiefdoms under Mbabane East inkhundla, Mdzimba chiefdom which was under Nkhamba inkhundla will be incorporated because of long distance to Nkhamba inkhundla. There is no direct transport from Mdzimba to Nkhamba and people have to go via Mbabane. Infact they have to pass three *tinkhundla*, Mbabane East, Mbabane West and Motshane to reach Nkhamba inkhundla.

The total number of chiefdoms will now be four (4) under Mbabane East *inkhundla*, namely Musunduzi, Fontein, Sidwashini and Mdzimba.

**MBABANE WEST**

NEW

OLD



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Retain status-quo for all chiefdoms under Mbabane West inkhundla. The total number of chiefdoms will be three (3) under Mbabane West inkhundla namely, Mangwaneni, Manzana and Nkwadini.

**DERMACATION  
BOUNDARY**

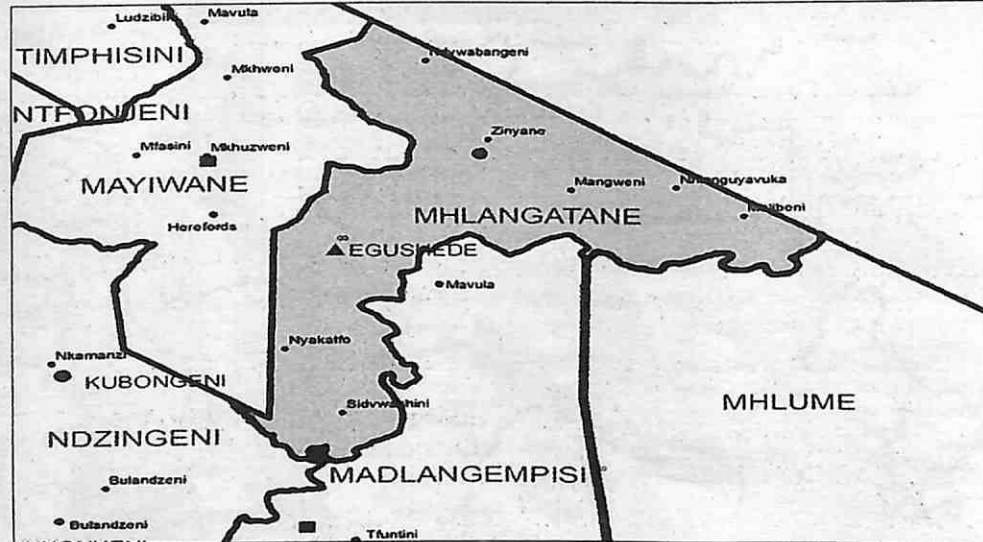
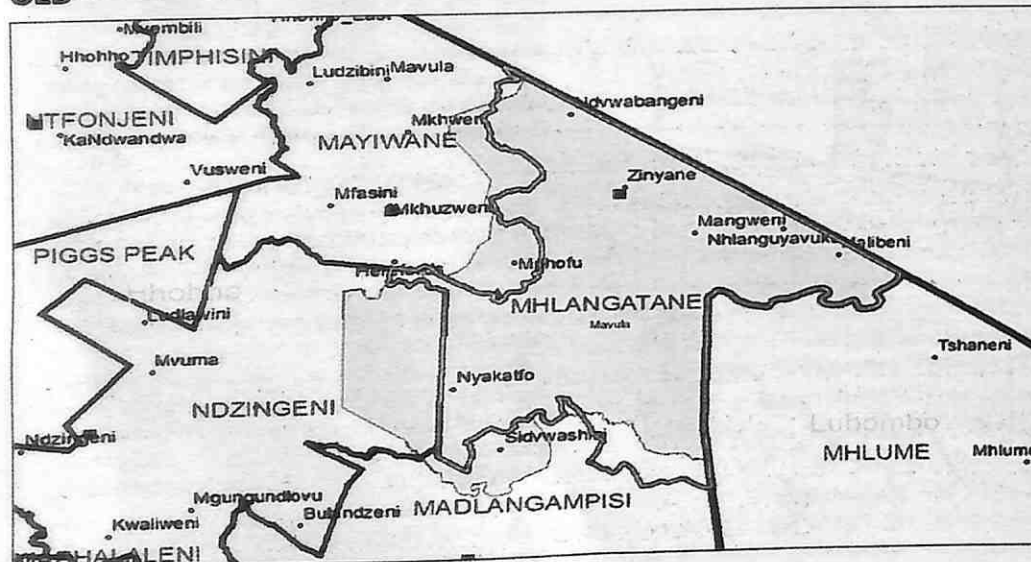
● Urban boundary was used as a common boundary between Lobamba and Mbabane West inkhundla.

● On the south boundary for Nkhaba and Motshane, Regional boundary was used to demarcate the two tinkhundla.

# MHLANGATANE

**NEW**

OLD



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Relocate inkhundla structure to be built next to Egushede (Mphofu) because the current inkhundla is poorly located and is closer to the international boundary of the Republic of South Africa.

It is far for most of the chiefdoms. The current inkhundla structure will remain a Sub-inkhundla

to service Zinyane, Mangweni and Ndwabangeni. Realign Mavula chiefdom to Madlangempisi inkhundla because it is accessible than Mhlangatane inkhundla.

Otherwise, the proposed inkhundla at Egushede would be ideal for Mavula chiefdom if a bridge across Nkomazi River were to be constructed. Total

number of chiefdoms at Mhlangatane inkhundla will be eight (8), namely Malibeni, Mangweni, Mphofu, Ndwabangeni, Nhlanguyavuka, Zinyane, Sidvwashini and Nyakatfo

**DERMACATION BOUNDARY**

● King's Farm boundary kaGeorge was used

as boundary between Mayiwane and Mhlangatane inkhundla.

● Intersection between Mhlangatane and Madlangempisi inkhundla, Mavula chiefdom operational boundary and the Regional boundary was used to demarcate the two tinkhundla.



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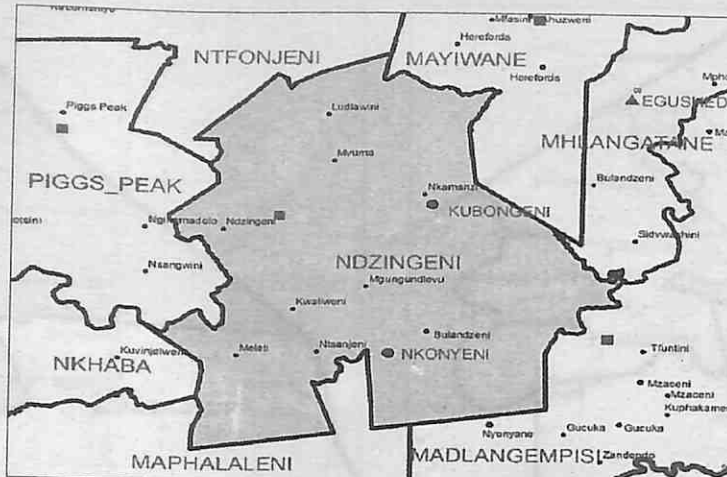
## TINKHUNDLA WITH CHIEFDOM COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY REGION

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## NDZINGENI

NEW



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Establish sub-inkhundla at Nkanyeni to serve Kwaliweni, Ntsanjeni, Meleti, part of Mgungundlovu and part of Ndzingeni because of inaccessible terrain and long distance. A sub-inkhundla is ideal for these chiefdoms because their population size is minimal. Establish a sub-inkhundla next to Ekubongeni High School to serve Nkamanzi, Bulandzeni and part of Mgungundlovu because this area is closer and accessible to the mentioned communities that to the main Ndzingeni inkhundla. The total number of chiefdoms will be nine (9), namely Mgungundlovu, Ludlweni, Ndzingeni, Bulandzeni, Kwaliweni, Mvuma, Nkamanzi, Ntsanjeni and Meleti.

## DERMACATION BOUNDARY

- Kwaliweni chiefdom under Ndzingeni inkhundla was used as a boundary for Piggs Peak inkhundla.
- On the south, Nkamanzi chiefdom was used between Ndzingeni and Mayiwane inkhundla.
- Intersection between Nkamanzi chiefdom under Ndzingeni inkhundla and Herefords chiefdom under Mayiwane inkhundla, Iholoba stream was used as boundary.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Re-align Mzimba chiefdom to Mbabane East inkhundla because of the long distance (41 km). There is no direct transport from Mzimba to Nkhataba and people have to go via Mbabane. Infact they have to pass three (3) tinkhundla, Mbabane East, Mbabane West and Motshane to reach Nkhataba inkhundla. The total number of chiefdoms under Nkhataba inkhundla will then be four (4) namely, Nkhataba, Ekuvinjelweni, Malanti, eJubukweni.

## DERMACATION BOUNDARY

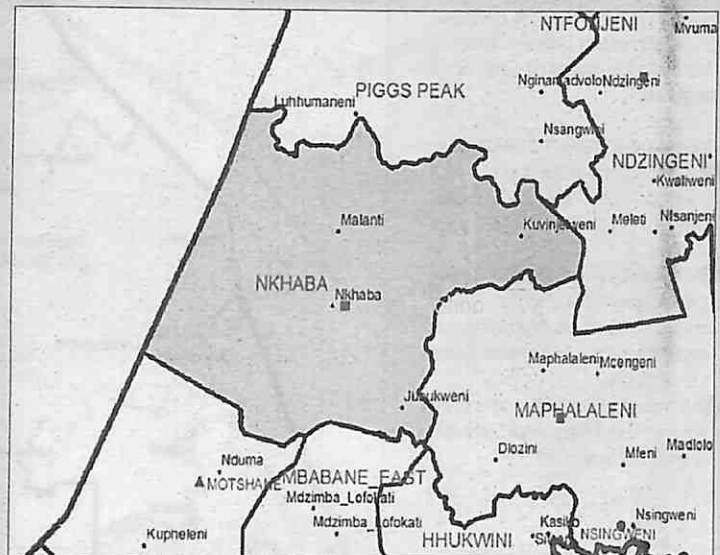
- Cadastral boundary Farm R/239 was used as a common boundary for Nkhataba and Motshane inkhundla.
- Malolotja Nature reserve was moved to Piggs Peak inkhundla, Nkomanzi River was used as a boundary.

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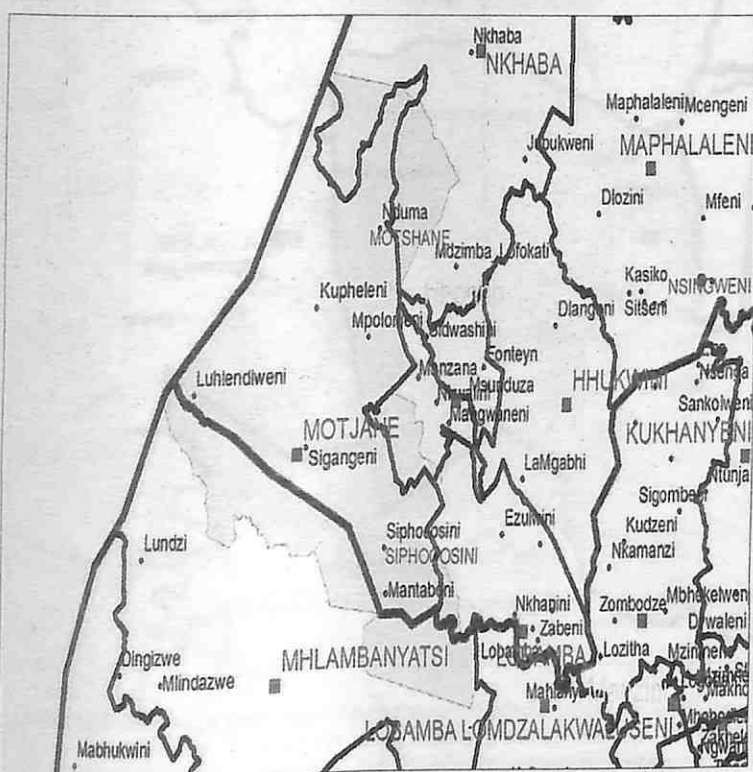
## NKHABA

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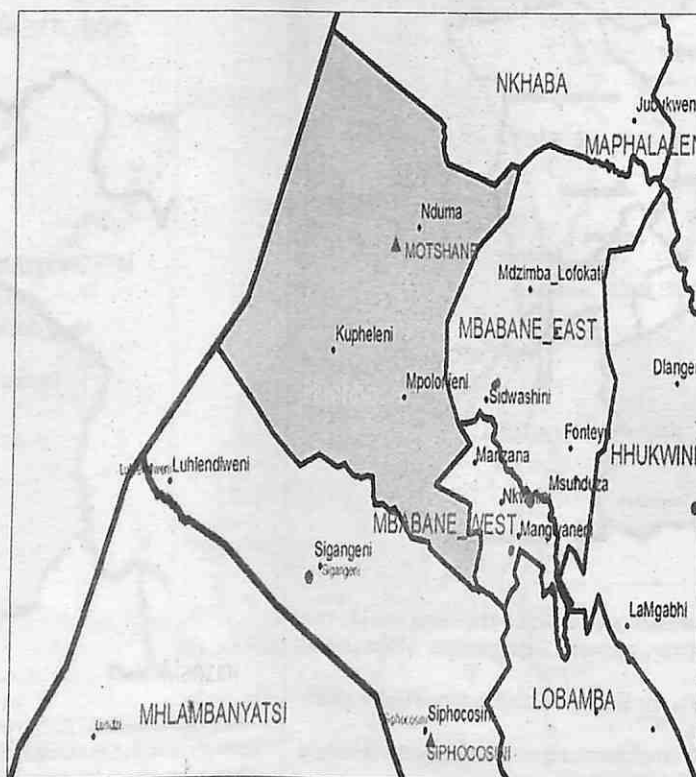


## MOTSHANE

OLD



NEW



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Relocate inkhundla structure to be built next to Motshane High School. Realign Mantabeni, Siphocosi, Sigangeni and Luhndlwani to a newly established inkhundla at Siphocosi.

The current inkhundla structure will be a sub-inkhundla to serve Sigangeni and Luhndlwani chiefdoms under the newly established inkhundla at Siphocosi. Reason behind the changes is the complexity in the accessibility by chiefdoms to the current inkhundla structure because of poor road infrastructure and inavailability of direct transport.

Mantabeni and Siphocosi chiefdoms have to go via Mbabane and pass two tinkhundla (Mbabane West and Mbabane East) to reach either the current (about 47 km) or the proposed relocated Motshane inkhundla (16km) hence the establishment of the Siphocosi inkhundla is justified. Furthermore, Motshane inkhundla has the highest registered population in the country. The total number of chiefdoms under the newly relocated Motshane inkhundla will be three (3), namely Nduma, Kupheleni, and Mpolonjeni.

## DERMACATION BOUNDARY

- Old inkhundla boundary was used to remove Mantabeni chiefdom location from Ezulwini chiefdom boundary.
- Cadastral boundary Farm R/239 was used as a common boundary for Nkhataba and Motshane inkhundla on the east.
- On the south boundary for Nkhataba and Motshane, Regional boundary was used.



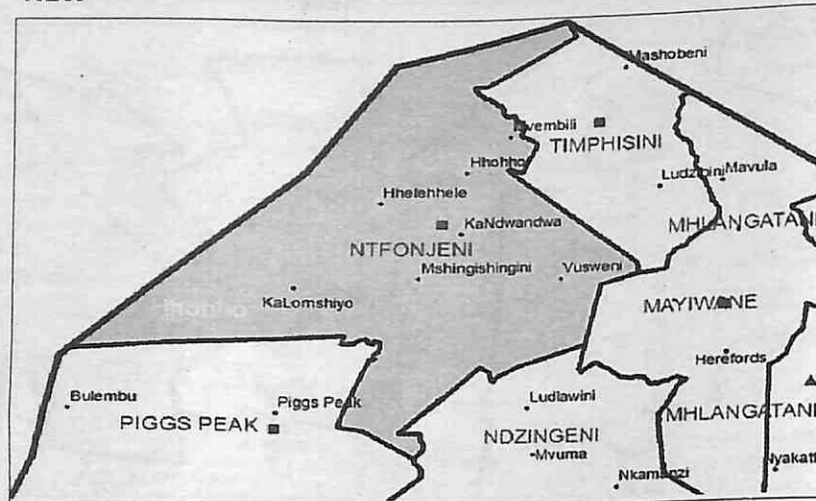
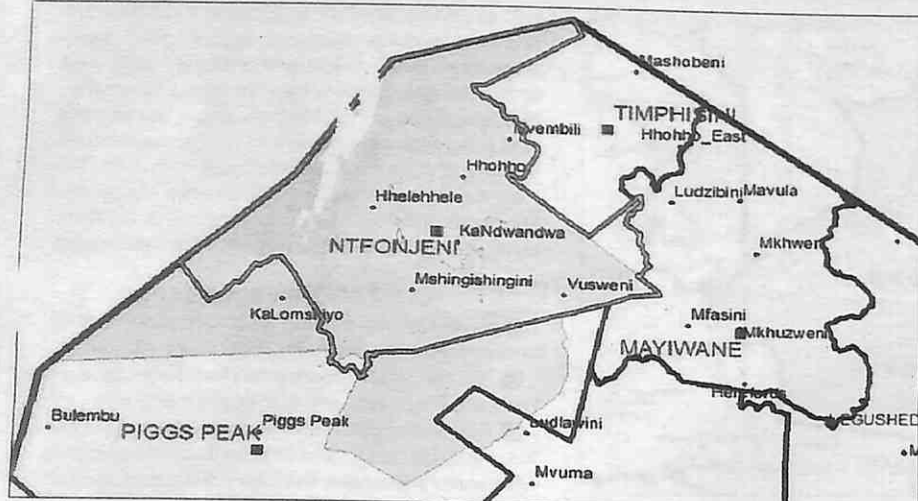


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## TINKHUNDLA WITH CHIEFDOM COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY REGION

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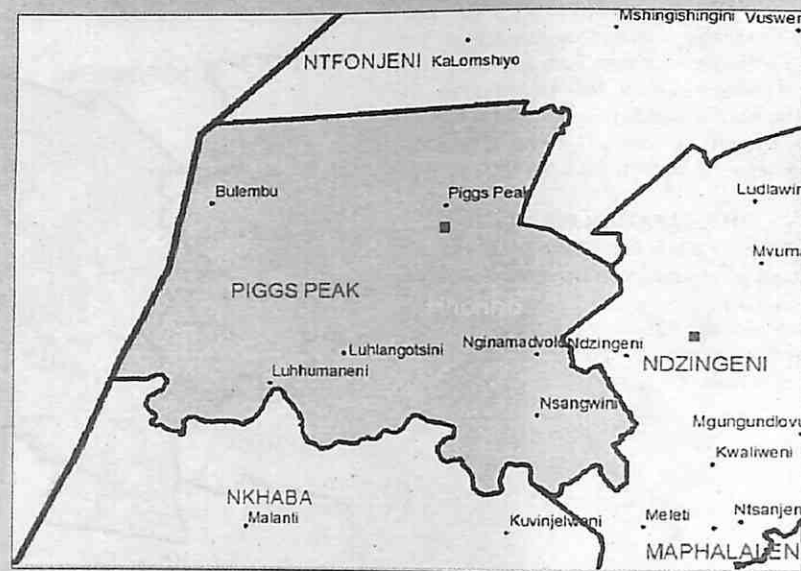
**DERMACATION BOUNDARY**  
● Cardastal boundary was used to demarcate Ntfonjeni and Piggs Peak inkhundla.

● Cadastral boundary was used for Ntfontjeni and Piggs Peak inkhundla as a boundary.

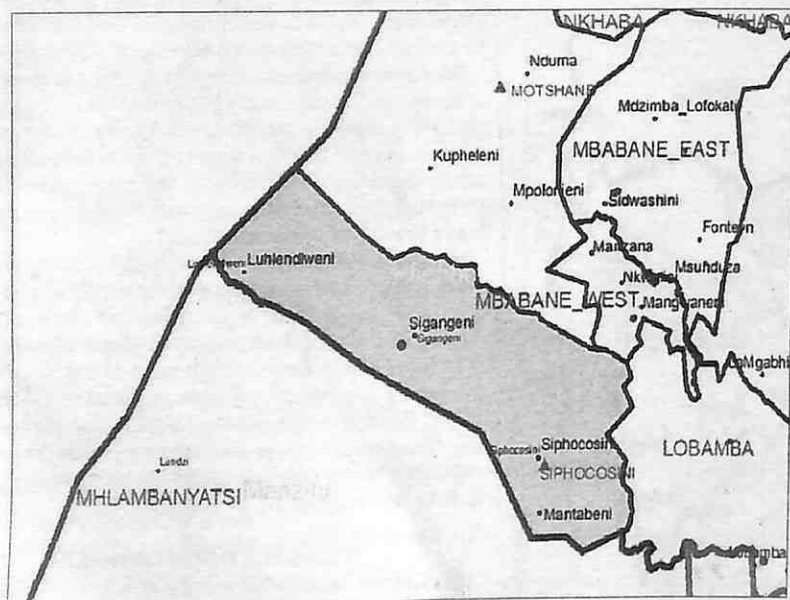
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## NEW



### GILGAL (NEWLY ESTABLISHED)



Old *inkhundla* boundary was used to separate Mantabeni chiefdom under the newly established Siphocosini inkhundla from Ezulwini chiefdom under Lobamba inkhundla.



**RECOMMENDATION:** Newly established inkhundla to be located at Gilgal area to serve six (6) chiefdoms, namely; Bulunga, Etjedze, Hlutse, Macetjeni, Sigcaweni West and Vikizijula. Mtimphofu river was used as a boundary to demarcate Gilgal and Mtfongwaneni inkhundla



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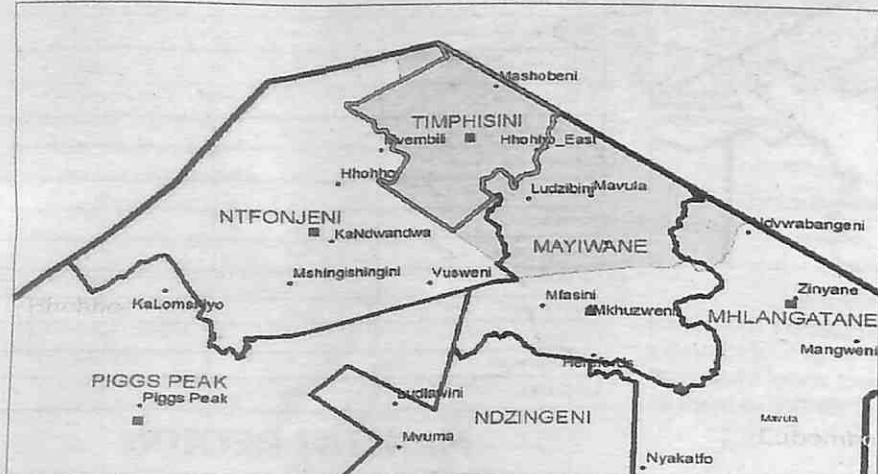


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TIMPHISINI  
NEW

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Retain status-quo for all chiefdoms under Timpisini inkhundla. The total number of chiefdoms will remain four (4) namely, Mvembi, Mashobeni, Ludzibini, Hhohho.

**DERMACATION BOUNDARY**  
Intersection boundary between Timpisini and Mayiwane, Nsonyama River was used as boundary.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Re-align Mdzimba chiefdom to Mbabane East inkhundla because of the long distance (41 km). There is no direct transport from Mdzimba to Nkhaba and people have to go via Mbabane. Infact they have to pass three (3) tinkhundla, Mbabane East, Mbabane West and Motshane to reach Nkhaba inkhundla. The total number of chiefdoms under Nkhaba inkhundla will then be four (4) namely, Nkhaba, Ekuvinjelweni, Malanti, eJubukweni.

**DERMACATION BOUNDARY**

- Cadastral boundary Farm R/239 was used as a common boundary for Nkhaba and Motshane inkhundla.
- Malolotja Nature reserve was moved to Piggs Peak inkhundla, Nkomanzi River was used as a boundary.

OLD

LOMAHASHA  
NEW

## DVOKODVWENI

OLD



NEW



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Re-align Ntandweni and Hlane chiefdoms from Hlane inkhundla to Dvokodvweni inkhundla because Hlane inkhundla has been dissolved.

Hlane inkhundla structure will remain a sub-inkhundla for Dvokodvweni inkhundla to serve Ntandweni and Hlane chiefdoms. Relocate Dvokodvweni inkhundla structure to Mbadlane area because it central and easily accessible to most chiefdoms.

Re-align Sigcaweni, Etjedze and Macetjeni chiefdoms to the newly established inkhundla at Gilgal because of scarce transport to Dvokodvweni inkhundla. In addition, the distance from these chiefdoms to the proposed Gilgal inkhundla is shorter (6.5 km) than to Dvokodvweni inkhundla (11 km).

The total number of chiefdoms under Dvokodvweni inkhundla will be six (6) namely, Malindza, Mdumezulu, Njabulweni, Ntandweni, Mhlangatane and Hlane.

**DERMACATION BOUNDARY**

- Intersection between Dvokodvweni and Mkhweni inkhundla, the Regional boundary was used to demarcate the two tinkhundla.
- Between Mafutseni and Dvokodvweni inkhundla, Mtimpofu River was used as proposed regional boundary for Manzini and Lubombo region.







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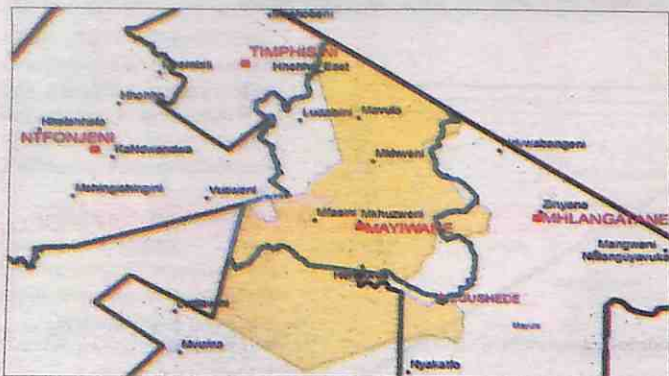


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### TINKHUNDLA WITH CHIEFDOM COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY REGION

#### MAYIWANE

OLD



NEW



**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Retain status-quo for all chiefdoms under Mayiwane inkhundla. The total number of chiefdoms will be five namely, Mavula, Herefords, Mkhuzweni, Mkhweni and Mfasini.

#### DERMACATION BOUNDARY

- King's Farm boundary kaGeorge was

used as boundary between Mayiwane and Mhlangatane inkhundla.

- On the south, Nkamanzi chiefdom was used between Ndzingeni and Mayiwane inkhundla.

- Intersection boundary between Timphisini and Mayiwane, Nsonyama

River was used as boundary.

- Intersection between Nkamanzi chiefdom under Ndzingeni inkhundla and Herefords chiefdom under Mayiwane inkhundla, Iholoba stream was used as boundary.

### TABLE COMPARING THE NUMBER OF CHIEFDOMS OR POLLING DIVISIONS FOR THE 1993 TINKHUNDLA AND THE CURRENT TINKHUNDLA

#### HHOHHO REGION

INKHUNDLA	NO OF 1993 CHIEFDOMS	NO OF CURRENT CHIEFDOMS
Hhukwini	3	2
Lobamba	7	5
Madlangampisi	4	6
Maphalaleni	4	10
Mayiwane	6	5
Mbabane East	15	3
Mbabane West	11	3
Mhlangatane	4	9
Motshane	7	7
Ndzingeni	4	7
Nkhaba	4	5
Ntfontjeni	8	7
Piggs Peak	4	6
Timphisini	5	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>79</b>

#### MANZINI REGION

INKHUNDLA	NO OF 1993 CHIEFDOMS	NO OF CURRENT CHIEFDOMS
EKukhanyeni	9	12
EMkhiweni	5	3
Kwaluseni	7	3
LaMgabhi	4	6
Ludzeludze	8	8
Mafutseni	5	6
Mhlangatsha	10	11
Mhlanganya	6	3
Mangcongco	4	4
Manzini North	7	6
Manzini South	8	6
Mhlambanyatsi	5	6
Mtfongwaneni	4	5
Ngwempisi	10	10
Nhlambeni	9	4
Ntongozi	9	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>100</b>

#### SHISELWENI REGION

INKHUNDLA	NO OF 1993 CHIEFDOMS	NO OF CURRENT CHIEFDOMS
ESandleni	7	14
Gege	7	11
Hosea	8	6
Kubuta	4	6
Lavumisa or Somntongo	3	7
Maseyisini	5	6
Matsanjeni South	2	7
Mtsambama	7	6
Ngudzeni	3	8
Nkwene	2	5
Shiselweni I	4	7
Shiselweni II	8	9
Sigwe	7	4
Zombodze	4	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>100</b>

#### LUBOMBO REGION

INKHUNDLA	NO OF 1993 CHIEFDOMS	NO OF CURRENT CHIEFDOMS
Dvokodweni	8	7
Hlane	7	4
Lomahasha	2	4
Lubuli	6	5
Matsanjeni North	4	4
Mhlume	6	5
Mpolonjeni	6	5
Nkillingo	7	5
Siphofaneni	7	10
Siteki/ Lugongolweni	8	4
Sithobela	7	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>335</b>



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Half of the world's jobs – around 2 billion – are expected to disappear due to automation by 2030. In some countries, up to 80 per cent of today's jobs could be lost. New technologies that are disrupting industries and changing the nature of work will increase the demand for high-skilled labour and make many low- and medium-skilled jobs obsolete.

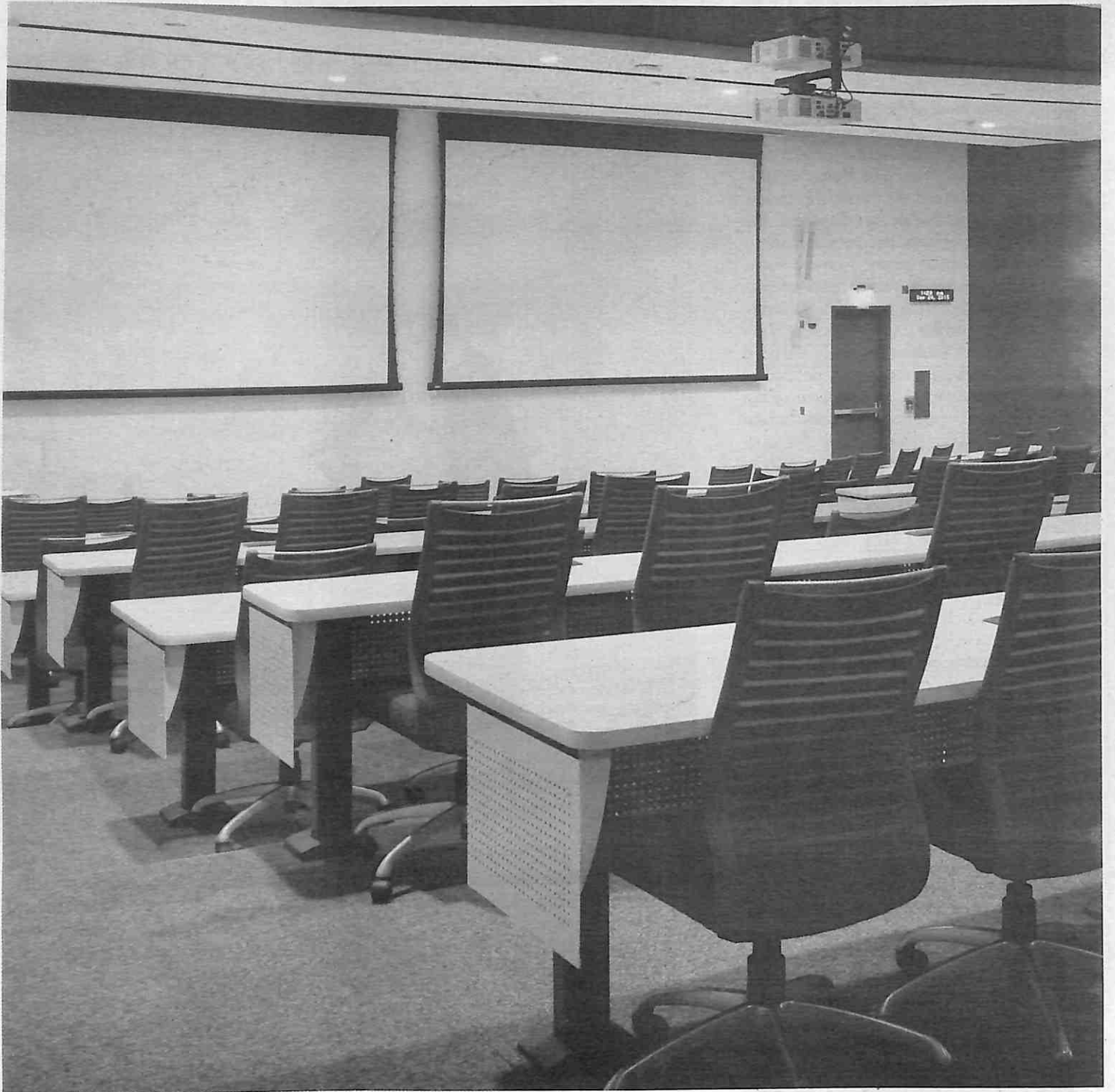
Young people in developing countries will face the greatest challenges in the years ahead. With many of the world's low-skilled jobs most susceptible to automation, developing economies will be at greater risk of technology-induced unemployment. In the past, many developing economies achieved growth by moving farm workers into factories.

In the future, new growth models will need to be found, but these will require higher levels of skills than developing economies are currently set to offer. Changing global demographics will exacerbate this challenge with the greatest population increases occurring in countries currently lagging furthest behind in education. By 2050, African countries will be home to a billion young people.

#### Already some 40 per cent of employers globally are finding it difficult to recruit people with the skills they need.

If education in much of the world fails to keep up with the rising demand for skills, there will be major shortages of skilled workers in both developing and developed economies as well as large surpluses of workers with poor skills. This skills gap threatens to have far-reaching economic, social, and political repercussions. The growing skills gap will stunt global economic growth and reverse progress towards ending extreme poverty. Without action to give young people the education and skills they need

# USEFUL FACTS ON EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



to compete, more than a quarter of the population in low-income countries could still be living in extreme poverty in 2050.

#### The impact of poor education on health will be equally severe.

Projections suggest that by 2050, the number of lives lost each year because of a failure to provide adequate access to quality education would equal those lost today to HIV and malaria, two of the most deadly global diseases. By 2050, population growth would be at least 15 per cent higher than if all children were learning – a critical factor in development as a whole.

#### If inequality in education persists, the implications for global stability are also dire.

Historical analysis shows that inequality fuels unrest and when educational inequality doubles, the probability of conflict more than doubles. Unrest is likely to be greatest where the gap between youth expectations and daily realities is widest.

Population movements could further compound these pressures. Today, the number of people displaced by conflict is at an all-time high and migration from conflict, climate change, and economic strains is set to increase. The number of international migrants, many of whom will have been denied the opportunity to acquire skills, is estimated to grow to around 400 million people by 2050. With education critical to resilience and cohesion, the death of skills will increase vulnerability to shocks and the risks of instability across the world.

Where economic, technological, demographic, and geopolitical trends collide with weak education systems, the risks of instability, radicalisation, and economic decline are at their greatest. If the world does not equip all young people with the skills they will need to participate in the future economy, the costs of inaction and delay could be irreparable.

#### Quality education is the most critical factor in closing the skills gap and one of the

#### most important in determining a child's future success.

Yet, education in many developing countries is not improving and children are instead falling dangerously behind.

Today, 263 million children and young people in the world are out of school, and the number of primary-aged children not in school is increasing. For those children who are in school, many are not actually learning.

In low- and middle-income countries, only half of primary school children and little more than a quarter of secondary school children are learning basic skills. The Education Commission projects that if current trends continue, by 2030 over three-quarters of a billion young people in low- and middle-income countries will not be on track to acquire basic secondary-level skills.

In low-income countries, only one out of 10 will be on track.

Without urgent change, more than 1.5 billion adults will have no education beyond primary school in 2030.



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# REDEFINING SUSTAINABLE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The definition of sustainable entrepreneurship is established from two broad perspectives of sustainability development and entrepreneurship. However, for the sake of this research less detail will be established from the two variables.

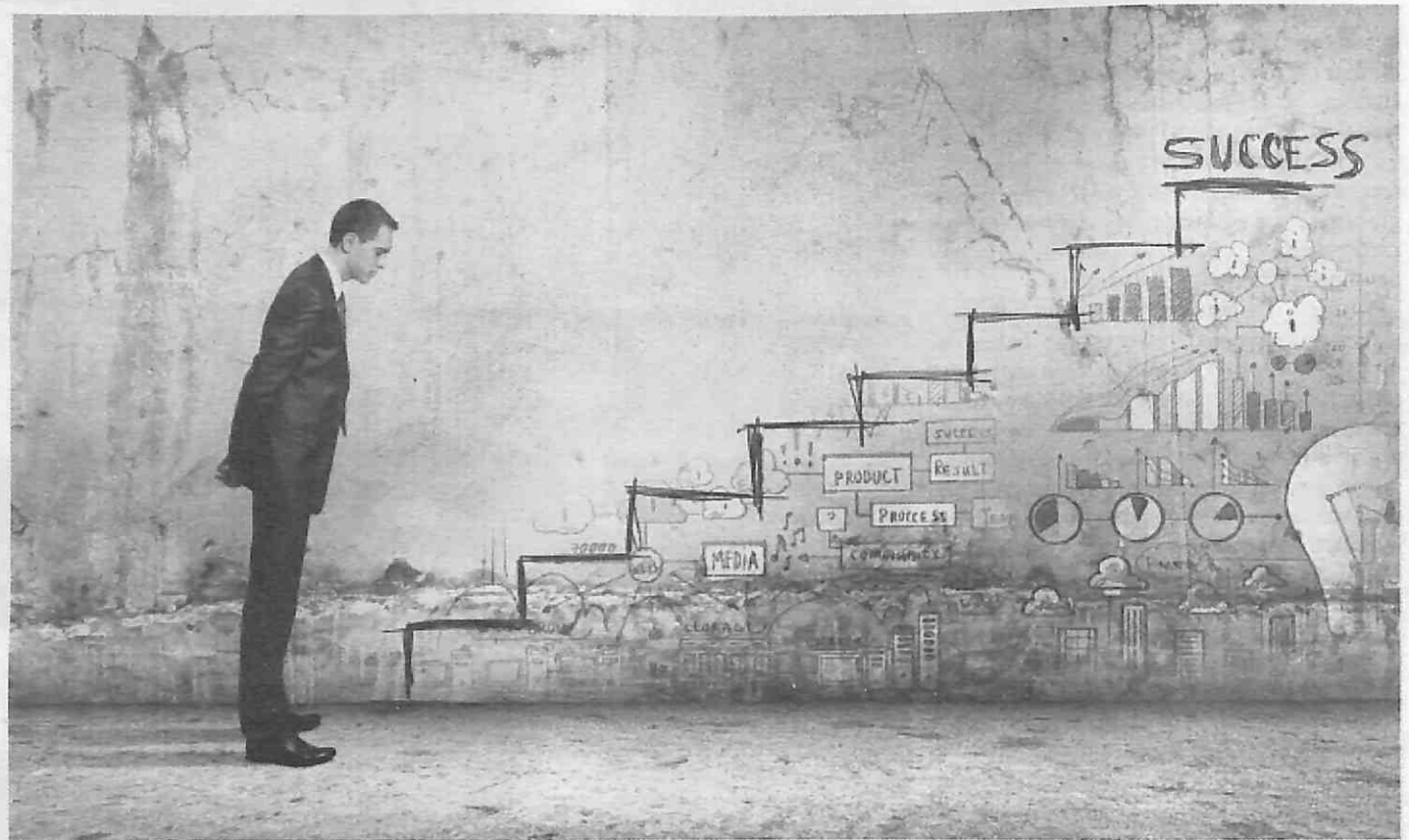
Sustainable development according to Racelis (2014:50) is a developmental initiative that is focused on meeting the needs of the present still preserving those of the future. Sustainable development in this regards becomes a balance between the present and the future. It creates a platform of balance between the utilities of the present and the future; this means that through sustainable development, the process of development becomes a continuous focus of the entire society. Koe and Majid (2013:286) states that the present understanding of the relevance of sustainable entrepreneurship has preserved the 1972 declaration of the United Nation Conference on the Human Environment where it was clearly defined as a "Development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

Peeters (2012:8) avers that sustainable development has taken a common view point of an interactive platform of three critical elements namely the society or people, the ecology or planet and the economic which is the gain or profit. Pavlic, Portolan, and Butorac, (2013:73) brings out a much more clearer meaning of sustainable development but from the production perspective by stating that it is a process of change of production and consumption at global level that does not interfere the ecosystem. This notion creates the importance of human consumption and production though at a global level, but the ideology of the interdependence of the factors of production become very important in this regard. Land, labour, capital, and entrepreneurship become meaningful elements that brings about production and consumption. These elements would however need to be preserved for even up coming generations.

Entrepreneurship on the other hand has been defined as a culture and economic perspective which has brought about the different views from both social and economic point of view. However, Raudeliūniene, Tvaronavičienė, and Dzemyda (2014:73) argue that entrepreneurship can be defined from both the internal and external perspectives. The internal one focuses much on the qualities of an individual and how that person can have access to knowledge, creativity, the degree of self confidence and determination and the establishment of the ideal set of skills that were relevant to facilitate production. The external aspect focuses on the ability to be mindful of the societal opportunities in the external environment being local or global. However, the third dimension with regards to entrepreneurship is the integral aspect which is associated with joining of both internal and external elements. This is also considered as the managerial aspect of the key performance indicators of any business variability (Pavlic, et al, 2013:73).

Muñoz (2013:7) define sustainable entrepreneurship as a process that included the manipulation of the environment for economic opportunities. Sustainable entrepreneurship takes into consideration the preservation of the environment for economic benefit for future

"Development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"



benefits through creation of utilities. Bergset and Fichter (2015:20) definite sustainable entrepreneurship from an innovative perspective as they state that it was a mechanism that was orientated in creating social and economic values through the use of the environmental facilities. The understanding that is from this concept is that sustainable development becomes some form individualistic market-orientation driven initiative in which individuals in the society believe the importance of the creating a such more sustainable environment for social benefits.

## Management

In this regards sustainable entrepreneurship focuses on the need to create a less harmful business environment. However, researchers like Raudeliūniene, (2014:73) argue that the definition of sustainable entrepreneurship can also be perceived from four different perspectives; namely the psychological point of view, management, economical perspective, and the educational point of view.

From the psychological dimension, social entrepreneurship is associated with personal traits and individual characteristics as fundamental elements that contributed to the success of an organisation or business enterprises. Zhang and Zhang (2013:159) argue that business growth and development was affected by the nature of certain personal characteristics and traits. This consideration brings the element of the importance in associating certain business practices with the some per-

sonality traits. In the field of scientific management, the influence of an entrepreneur is perceived to take an influential dimension from a strategic perspective that creates a linkage between the business' objectives and its abilities to meet the market demands through the mobilisation of resources which are also factors of production.

## Results

The economic perspective however, brings to light the stance of perceiving an entrepreneurship venture as a result orientated one that was to bring out the expected results. The economic consideration of entrepreneurship focuses on the need to solve a social challenge both at a micro and macro level. Finally the educational school of thought, social entrepreneurship becomes relevant as a focal point for knowledge base and innovativeness. Moloi (2014:82) argues that one of the prominent features that has made the existence of the entrepreneurship one of the most ideal business venture is that of its desire and ability to change for the better in the manner products were made and it is only through creativity and innovation that became possible (Raudeliūniene, Tvaronavičienė, and Dzemyda, 2014:73).

The given scope about the social entrepreneurship creates a much meaningful and simplistic understanding about the actual emergent of social entrepreneurship in the sense that this school of thought comes as a result of the combination of both conventional entre-

preneurship whose aim is to create an economic gain or profit and social entrepreneurship whose aim is to create a social and ecological benefit to the society. However, the combination of the two brings about a much more viable economic outcome of business performance in the society enterprise.

Based on the illustration of figure 2.1 and 2.2, sustainable entrepreneurship becomes an integral component of the sustainable development because entrepreneurship acts as a mechanism for creation of utility which stimulates consumption. Through sustainable entrepreneurship, production and consumption becomes relatively important for the continuity of the entire society. This orientation places the need of entrepreneurship at the center of entre combination of all the critical sectors of sustainability namely the economic which focused on business growth, efficiency, and stability; social sustainability that focuses on human empowerment, poverty eradication, and culture influence; and the ecological perspective that focuses on the relevance and preservation of the natural resources, pollution and the importance of biodiversity (Racelis, 2014:50; Bergset and Fichter, 2015:20).

Source: Brundtland Report 1987

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## Untipping The Societal Scales

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The world of love, dating and marriage has made a huge paradigm shift ever since the inception of the notorious technological gadgets owed and used by couples.

Through the cellphone your boyfriend or girlfriend can lie to you without flinching and you are almost always bought over and bound to accept same as truth.

Of all features, applications and programs in the cellphone none is universally used like "WhatsApp".

That application has set the world of romance ablaze and everyone on his or her account has a mountain of secrets that he/she would not have the man or woman he loves see. As misfortune would have it, your boyfriend or girlfriend is someday bound to find out what is in there. There have been separations, fights, divorcees and even murders emanating from cross-reading of each other's cellphones especially prying into your lover's "whatsapp" account. Allow Scales to digress a bit before indulging into the matter for discussion today.

This guy, Msimuki, crossing a street in Manzini, was receiving a call from his wife who happened to have been watching him through a window in a shop.

The woman wanted the husband to identify his current location *neline*. He lied like all men do, "*Ngika Lomahasha mntfwanaketfu*".

The woman got angry, "*KaLomahasha kuphi ngoba ngiyabona?*" "He quickly changed his story, "*Ngitsite ngiyakaLomahasha make waMgibe awulaleli!*"

That's the cellphone for you!

Women, be they girlfriends or wives have taken the use of whatsapp to another level. For starters hardly any man gets lots of whatsapp correspondence from his wife or girlfriend even.

This lot designed after the beautiful but conniving eve spend all their time on the gadget *bangakhulumi nalaba lababagana* or married to.

Now that is paradox. You may have bought her that gadget in the first place and even making providence of the data used for calling or chatting.

Believe Scales here the moment your wife calls you must know that there is trouble. She may be wanting to know *kutsi ukuphi, ubuya nini, unabani*, lots of disturbing questions one would swear she is a school teacher and interrogating a truant schoolboy.

Girlfriends have taken after their mothers and call their boyfriends only to spew trouble. She may call in the middle of the night and demand that you fetch her from a party eMagadzavane *uva emakhata ufunakuyolala*. You may not even have been aware that she was at a party *ahambe nabani futsi* yet you have to fuel a car *ubhudle umnyama* to fetch her.

Each time your wife or girlfriend want to talk to you, they will update their whatsapp profile pictures and status. If you have not been talking, you will start to talk and they enjoy to see you tortured.

LaGama had been informed by her husband Mdziniso that he had a child outside marriage and went on to invite *unabomfana* to the family for introductions.

Quite clearly the woman was vexed and did not hide her feelings. She fought, she cried but eventually appeared to be accepting the situ-

ation.

When the child was brought home she joined the rest of the family in taking pictures of the child and the mother. A few weeks later when the husband all was at peace, LaGama updated her profile and status.

She had the picture of the child and further captioned, "*Yimbi lentfo yafuta unina.*"

The husband caught wind of same from relatives who asked him to view profile picture yaLaGama.

He was angry, he was hurt and disappointed. He confronted his wife later in the house and she poured out all her fury about ill-begotten child.

The insults traded by the woman to her husband that night made him realise *kutsi akamati umfati wakhe kahle*.

You will never get know what kind of a character your wife is until you beget a child outside her bedroom sheets. She never removed the picture but would intermittently update her status asho *lokunengi lokubi ngalomntfwana*.

### Damning

Women, wives in particular say a lot of things all hidden in their profile pictures. This beautiful lady once profiled her wedding pictures posing with the husband.

The status below was damning. "Wrong Choice, wrong move, Eight Wasted Years." *Yinkhulumo lena iphelele* and no amount of interpretation could mean anything other than the fact that *lomake akajabuli ngalendvoda* and goes on to say she has wasted her time. How then do you continue to live with a woman, you wife when she has that in her cellphone.

Wives are very smart to know that you are dating someone else.

They would pry, they would investigate and

lay their eyes and even hands on the other woman.

When she gets to know her, she will even have her contact numbers and save her in her cellphone.

Every profile picture posted and status renewed is a way to chide and poke the other woman. She may present a picture where the two of you were apparently in joyful times, *ayibonge lendvodza* below the picture *imangale nay-onayifundza* where all that would be coming from. She is actually telling the woman that she is wasting her time *yena nendvodza yakhe baGrand!*

### Impact

It will have an impact believe Scales for when the husband makes his call he will find the other lady grumpy, sour and militant.

"*Ngicela ubuye kumfati wakho tsine uyekele mine phansi.*" You are not going to ignore LaMasango who would tag her husband along each time she went to the clinic *kuyawukala sisu*, she even took him along for scanning and in each occasion opportunity allowing she would snap a few photos.

They went to her whatsapp profiles and were accompanied by messages beneath, "The Joys of marriage, when your husband Cares, He is my everything, He is crazy about this baby, he shall be the father again".

Rumour has it that *tintfombi takhe* Masuku *tacishe tambulala* after reading the updates from his wife's cellphone.

Each claimed *uyaphukuteka* what does he possibly what from her when it is evident that *ujabulile ekhaya*. They wanted guys who were not as committed.

Your girlfriend is a worse devil. She will come cowering that she does not have a good gadget for a cellphone.

# WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF YOUR WOMAN'S WHATSAPP PROFILE PICTURES, STATUS?



"*Luyafreeza lolu*, at times *nje ngeke ukhone kungitfoli*". Generous but naive and stupid as men all are, he will buy her a cellphone, a good one for that matter. She will use the same phone to communicate mostly with *amanye amadoda* and hardly with you.

Societal Scales does not comprehend what makes a man believe that when a man dates a woman kute *lomunye lamgana*.

She will show the other guy through her whatsapp. She will just profile a handsome hunk on her phone and say *angisho lutfo nje*. You will ransack your mind wondering who that guy may be.

When you ask she will laugh you off and claim that you sound insecure. Eventually you settle for a comforting thought that he may be a cousin.

The most daring would even write all that is in her heart *abonga lendvondza longayati*. Believe Scales no matter how understanding the chap is, *utawusuka umsindvo* just through a profile picture or whatsapp.

Mgagabuli Maseko could not believe his eyes when his girlfriend was seriously contemplating to marry posted a very sentimental and romantic message with a profile picture of another man, "You are world Baby, thank you for the beautiful weekend."

He was mad and instantly called her, "*Bengingashokuwe, angati wena kutsi uhlushwayini.*"

Women can be very cruel with their profile pictures and whatsapp status messages and through them they will reveal hidden people and untold stories.

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# TOP 10 WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR DOG FROM FLEAS



## 1. Spot-on Treatments

Currently, spot-on treatments are the most effective weapon against fleas. They do not wash off and stop the flea life-cycle development.

Get your veterinarian's advice on a treatment based on your dog's size, weight and age — too little won't work, and too much can be toxic.

## 2. Oral Medications

Flea control pills disrupt the life cycle of fleas, but do not kill adult fleas on contact. But giving your dog a monthly pill is a good choice around small children to reduce exposure to potentially irritating topical treatments.

## 3. Flea Shampoos

Flea shampoos don't provide long-lasting protection, so at the height of flea season it is generally recommended to use the shampoo every two weeks.

## 4. Flea Collars

A flea collar may be sufficient in light infestations but probably not in heavily infested areas. Put two fingers under the collar to prevent securing it on too tightly. Flea collars contain toxic chemicals so keep out of reach of small children. Watch out for scratching around the collar; some dogs are extremely sensitive to the chemicals.

## 5. Flea Dips

Dips are diluted with water, topically applied, and left on. These chemical products can be very potent and very dangerous. Get a veterinarian's advice and follow the instructions carefully according to your dog's size, weight and age. Do not use on pregnant, nursing or young pets less than four months old.

## 6. Powders and Sprays

Use cautiously! They can cause irritation to sensitive, unprotected parts of the body in both people and pets and can kill puppies and kittens. Protect the mouth and eyes, and take care that neither you nor your pet breathe this treatment in.

## 7. Clean House

To get rid of a serious flea infestation, you need

to clean your house and your dog simultaneously. Vacuum your home thoroughly and throw out the bag when you're done. Wash your dog's bedding and clean his toys with warm, soapy water. Vacuum your car.

## 8. Household Sprays and Foggers

These will kill adult fleas, larvae and eggs as they hatch. Take care - these products can be toxic to fish, birds, dog, cats and children. First get advice from your veterinarian and follow the instructions carefully.

## 9. Flea Traps

Buy or home-make. To make one at home, set a small dish of soapy water on the ground near a light overnight. Attracted by the warmth and light, fleas will jump into the water and become trapped.

## 10. Clear the Yard

Keep your lawn, bushes and trees trimmed back. You can also use outdoor chemical treatments, but remember, these products are toxic and can have harmful effects.

## Herbal treatments.

**NB: (a) no guarantee and (b) essential oils are potentially harmful to animals**

**Rosemary Flea Dip** - Steep two cups of fresh rosemary in boiling water for 30 minutes. Strain the liquid, discard the leaves and add a gallon of warm water. Pour the tepid solution over your dog until he's soaked and let him drip-dry.

**Lavender Essential Oil** - Wash your dog thoroughly and towel dry. Apply a few drops of lavender essential oil to the base of the tail and another at the neck.

**Brewer's Yeast** - add a small Brewer's yeast tablet to your dog's food. But check with your veterinarian first.

**Apple Cider Vinegar** - Dilute 50/50 with water, pour into a spray bottle and use as a repellent.

**Lemon Spray Repellent** - Quarter a lemon, cover with boiling water and leave overnight. In the morning, spray all over your dog, protecting the eyes, ears and nose.

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We live in an ever-changing world where we are forced to deal with uncertainty every day. But how an organisation tackles that uncertainty can be a key predictor of its success.

Risk is a necessary part of doing business, and in a world where enormous amounts of data are being processed at increasingly rapid rates, identifying and mitigating risks is a challenge for any company.

It is no wonder then that many contracts and insurance agreements require solid evidence of good risk management practice.

ISO 31000 provides direction on how companies can integrate risk-based decision making into an organisation's governance, planning, management, reporting, policies, values and culture.

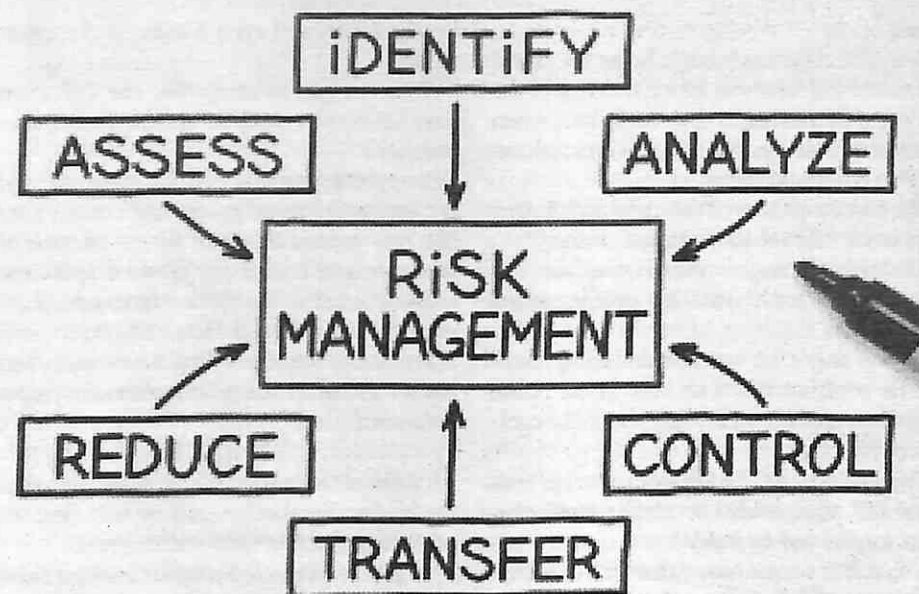
It is an open, principles-based system, meaning it enables organisations to apply the principles in the standard to the organisational context.

## Who is ISO 31000 for?

ISO 31000 is applicable to all organisations, regardless of type, size, activities and location, and covers all types of risk. It was developed by a range of stakeholders and is intended for use by anyone who manages risks, not just professional risk managers.

## What are the benefits for my business?

## RISK MANAGEMENT- ISO 31000



ISO 31000 helps organisations develop a risk management strategy to effectively identify and mitigate risks, thereby enhancing the likelihood of achieving their objectives and increasing the protection of their assets.

Its overarching goal is to develop a risk management culture where employees and stakeholders are aware of the importance of monitoring and managing risk. Implementing ISO 31000 also helps organisations see both the positive opportunities and negative consequences associated with risk, and allows for more informed, and thus more effective, decision making, namely in the allocation of resources. What's more, it can be an active component in improving an organisation's governance and, ultimately, its performance.

## Why was it revised?

All ISO standards are reviewed every five years and then revised if needed. This helps ensure they

remain relevant, useful tools for the marketplace.

A revised version of ISO 31000 was published in 2018 to take into account the evolution of the market and new challenges faced by business and organisations since the standard was first released in 2009. One example of this is the increased complexity of economic systems and emerging risk factors such as digital currency, both of which can present new and different types of risks to an organisation on an international scale.

## What are the main differences?

ISO 31000:2018 provides more strategic guidance than ISO 31000:2009 and places more emphasis on both the involvement of senior management and the integration of risk management into the organization.

This includes the requirement to develop a statement or policy that confirms a commitment to risk management, assigning authority, responsibility and accountability at the appropriate levels with-

in the organisation and ensuring that the necessary resources are allocated to managing risk. The revised standard now also requires that risk management be part of the organisation's structure, processes, objectives, strategy and activities.

It places a greater focus on creating value as the key driver of risk management and features other related principles such as continual improvement, the inclusion of stakeholders, being customized to the organization and consideration of human and cultural factors. The content has been streamlined to reflect an open systems model that regularly exchanges feedback with its external environment in order to fit a wider range of needs and contexts. The key objective is to make things clearer and easier, using plain language to define the fundamentals of risk management in a way that the reader will find easier to comprehend. The terminology is now more concise, with certain terms being moved to ISO Guide 73, Risk management - Vocabulary, which deals specifically with risk management terminology and is intended to be used alongside ISO 31000. Work has commenced on a terminology standard and implementation handbook to further enhance the understanding and applicability of the standard.

## How do I get started?

- Purchase the ISO 31000 from SWASA
- Be aware of your organisation's key objectives - this will help you clarify the targets and requirements of your risk management system
- Assess your current governance structure - this will ensure you allocate the right roles, responsibilities and reporting procedures when it comes to risk
- Define your level of commitment - what resources will you be able to allocate to implementing or maintaining a risk management system.

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**A**n avocado is technically a fruit. It is the fatty fruit of the avocado tree, scientifically known as *Persea Americana*. It is native to Mexico and Central America. There are many different types of avocados, varying in colour, size and shape.

Avocados are usually pear-shaped to round and they come in many different shades of green, ranging from pale green to almost black when fully ripe. The most popular type is called Hass avocado, which is round with black skin

#### Nutritional value of avocados

The avocado consists of 73 per cent water, 15 per cent fat, 8.5 per cent carbohydrates (mostly fibres) and 2 per cent protein.

**Carbohydrates:** Compared to other fruits, avocados contain very little sugar. Half an avocado (68 grams) contains only 0.5 grams of sugar, in the form of glucose, fructose and galactose. The net digestible carbohydrates are only 1.8 grams for each 100 grams of avocado. Because of the low sugar content, they are expected to have a very low glycemic index score, which means that they should not raise blood sugar levels much.

**Fibre:** Fibre occupies most of the carbohydrate content (79 per cent) of avocados. Half an avocado provides 4.5 grams of fibre, which is very high. Dietary fibre is an important dietary component with many health benefits. It can regulate appetite, feed the friendly bacteria in the gut and reduce the risk of many diseases. Avocados also contain FODMAPs (fermentable oligo-, di-, monosaccharides and polyols), which are short-chain carbohydrates that some people cannot digest.

**Fats:** Avocados are an excellent source of "good" fat, which have beneficial effect on inflammation. It is a rich source of monounsaturated fatty acids. The most abundant fatty acid is oleic acid, which is the main component of olive oil and is linked to reducing inflammation and cancer.

**Vitamins And Minerals:** Avocados are rich in many essential vitamins and minerals. Some of them are:

**Folate (B9):** Which is important for normal cell function and tissue growth, and is particularly important for pregnant women.

**Vitamin K1:** Vitamin K1 is important for blood clotting, and may have benefits for bone health.

**Potassium:** Beneficial for blood pressure control and heart health. Avocados actually contain more potassium than bananas.

**Copper:** A trace element that is relatively low in the Western diet. Low copper intake may have adverse effects on heart health.

**Vitamin E:** A powerful antioxidant, often found in high amounts in fatty plant foods.

**Vitamin B6:** A group of related vitamins that

help convert food into energy.

**Vitamin C:** An antioxidant that is important for immune function and skin health.

#### Other compounds found in avocados

These are the main plant compounds in avocados:

**Carotenoids:** Such as lutein and zeaxanthin, which are important for eye health and may reduce the risk of age-related eye diseases.

**Persenes A and B:** Unique antioxidants that may have protective effects against inflammation and cancer.

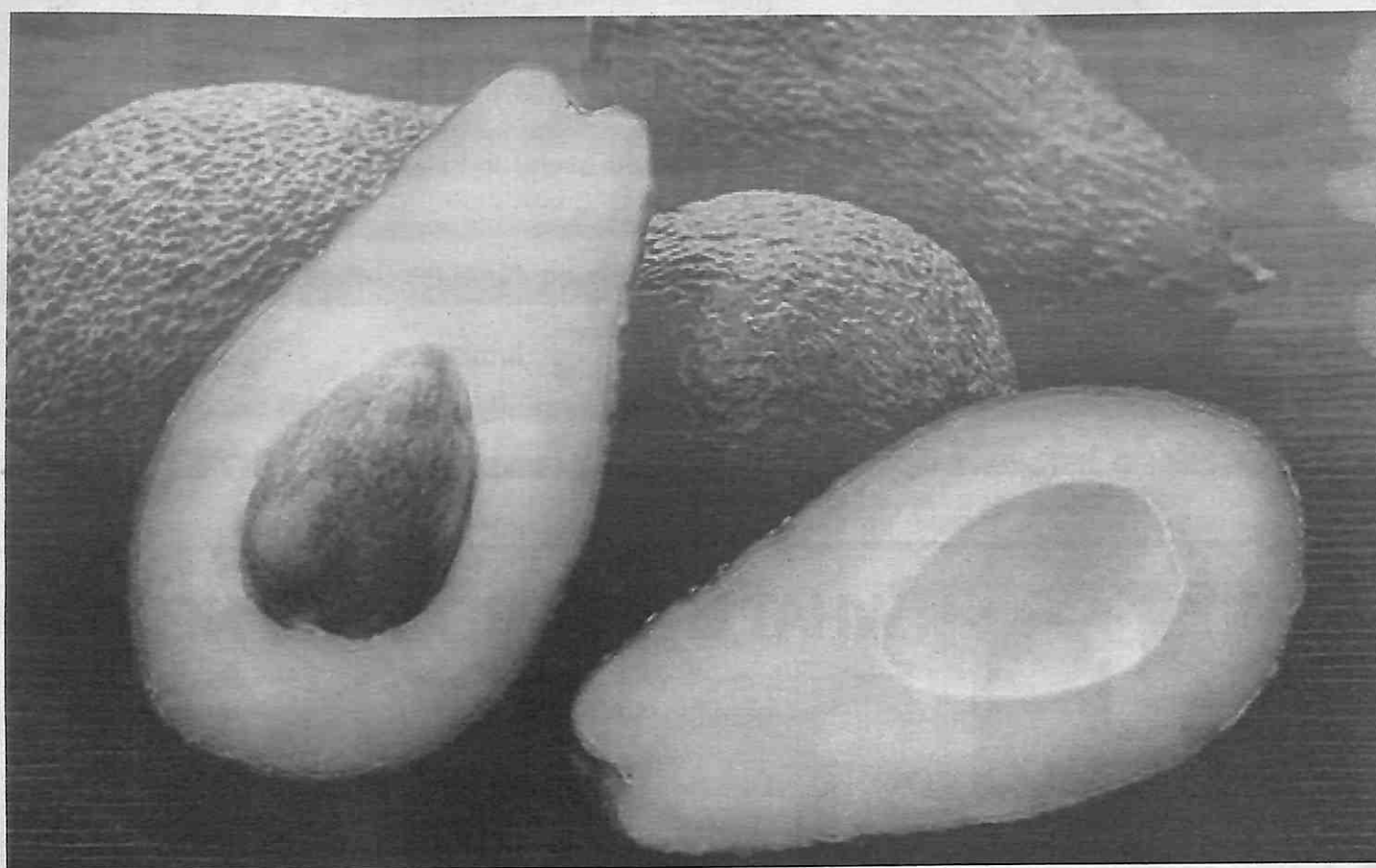
**D-Mannoheptulose:** A type of sugar found in avocados, claimed to assist with blood sugar control.

Avocados are very high in carotenoid antioxidants, and eating fat along with these antioxidants tends to increase their absorption into the body.

#### Health benefits of avocados

**Heart Health:** Blood cholesterol, triglycerides, inflammatory markers and blood pressure have all been associated with increased risk of heart disease. Research has shown that avocado consumption may reduce blood cholesterol and triglycerides significantly, as well as lower the potentially harmful LDL cholesterol and increase the good HDL cholesterol.

# EXPLORING AVOCADOS



**Reducing Symptoms Of Arthritis:** Arthritis is a common problem in Western countries, characterised by progressive deterioration of the joint cartilage. Avocado and soybean unsaponifiables are supplements made from avocado oil (33 per cent) and soybean oil (66 per cent), primarily used to suppress symptoms in people with arthritis. Multiple studies have shown that these supplements can reduce symptoms of arthritis, especially of the knee and hip.

**Cancer:** Adequate intake of folate from food has shown promise in protecting against colon, stomach, pancreatic, and cervical cancers. Although the mechanism behind this apparent reduction in risk is currently unknown, researchers believe that folate protects against undesirable mutations in DNA and RNA during cell division.

**Antimicrobial Action:** Avocados contain substances that have antimicrobial activity, particularly against *Escherichia coli*, a leading cause of food poisoning.

#### Summary: Avocado Facts The Fruit

1. Although they're often referred to as a vegetable, avocados are technically a fruit — they're a single-seed berry that grows on a tree!
2. There are hundreds of different types of avocados, ranging from the oval-shaped, light-skinned bacon variety to the pear-shaped, thin-skinned zutano variety. Each type differs in shape, size, skin type, taste, and texture.
3. The colour of an avocado's skin isn't the

best way to determine ripeness. Hold the avocado in the palm of your hand and give it a gentle squeeze instead; ripe avocado will be firm, but will yield slightly to gentle pressure.

4. You can ripen avocados by placing them in a plain brown paper bag and storing them at room temperature. Adding an apple or banana to the bag will speed the ripening process.

5. You should wash avocados thoroughly before slicing into them; this helps prevent any germs that may be on the skin from getting on the fruit inside

#### Nutrition

6. Avocados help the body absorb more fat-soluble nutrients from foods that are eaten with them. So eating avocados and tomatoes together, for example, can boost your intake of beta carotene.

7. Avocados are naturally cholesterol free.

#### Cooking with avocado

8. Use avocados in place of butter when you're baking; they'll help keep baked goods moister for a longer period of time.

9. Cook thick slices of avocado on a grill for a nice, smoky flavour — and some beautiful char marks.

10. Avocados make a healthy alternative to creamy frozen pudding pops. Just mix avocado with lime juice and honey to taste and then blend the avocado mixture into twice as much milk before freezing in Popsicle moulds





## The first step is the main step

Not to be forward and put my life out there, but I just know it will be helpful to one or another young woman out there. I am a 22 year old woman, I have always been worried that my sexual life might put me in danger of contracting STI's including HIV, but I have always preferred to rather not know. There was a time though when I almost went to the clinic to get tested for HIV and pregnancy because I had missed my period and there was a burning sensation in my private parts when urinating. I was very afraid busy postponing until the pain went away and I resumed my periods, so then after I did not feel the importance of going to the clinic because I felt fine.

I have always wanted to tell my boyfriend Wandile for us to go to the clinic and get tested but I always feared our results not being the same. What if he is HIV negative and I am positive, because I also had sexual relations with some married guy, his name is Menzi he was my ex-boyfriend but we were still in touch. I usually met Menzi at his favourite club but he sometimes leaves with different girls and tell me I have no right to be jealous because we both moved on. Thinking of the things Menzi did made me know that I am at risk of contracting STI's and I really wanted to get help I was only afraid of if Wandile was going to support me through. That fear did not grip me for so long I came across Dream on Wheels mobile unit and that was the day I took my first step and that was my main step to where I am today.

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### THE CUSTOMER CENTRIC ORGANISATION

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## WHAT ENTREPRENEURS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NPS



Nowadays, Net Promoter Score is used by many large companies as a customer feedback tool.

The Net Promoters Score (NPS) is a simple but powerful tool to measure client satisfaction with a single question of "How likely would you recommend company X, product or brand to a friend, colleague or family member?" The NPS in essence, assesses the extent to which a respondent would recommend a certain company, service or product to friends, family or colleagues.

The Net Promoters Score was developed in 2003 by Fred Reichfield who was a founder of Bain & Company's Loyalty practice. The NPS is also believed to give a good indication of growth potential and customer loyalty for a product or company. Net Promoters Score is described as, "An index that measures the willingness of customers to recommend a company's products or services to others. It is used as an alternate for gauging the customers overall satisfaction with a company's product or service and the customers loyalty to the brand."

Depending on the score given, three categories of people can be identified from the NPS results; Promoters, Passives and Detractors. Promoters are very enthusiastic customers who would willingly recommend you to other people. If there are not enough promoters for your company, you should think of actions you can take to increase your number of promoters. Tracking your company's NPS does not automatically change anything in your company. What is key is how that information is used to bring about positive changes.

Here is what some of the industry leaders in various companies in the world have to say about the Net Promoters Score System:

"The day I was appointed I declared we're going to use NPS across the entire company. Everyone has to understand what it was. In one year, we became more customer-centric than we had in the previous three."

- John Donahue, CEO, eBay

"The great thing about Net Promoter Score and the whole concept around loyalty in general is that it's allowed us to take what we think was an important value and put a metric around it that's actually measurable and meaningful to people and pretty easy to explain to our broad crew at large."

- Bill Mc Nabb, Chairman and CEO, Vanguard

us because every employee, from the newest, most junior employee, could understand exactly how it works. One question, zero to ten, are you going to recommend us. They're the ones with the power. And they can look at me if I'm engaging in any decisions or actions that are going to be inconsistent. NPS opened up our employee population to say it is safe to always do the right thing."

- Walt Bettinger, CEO, Charles Schwab

"Don't stop at your employees, hold yourself accountable. Share the number with your board and make it a topic, at that level. Ultimately, great companies have high loyalty."

- Todd Olson

connector that most people haven't realised, which is the connection between customer service and profits. To draw that connection between the two, NPS unites them perfectly."

- Robert Richman, Product Manager, Zappos Insights

### QUOTE:

"Beyond the NPS score, you must understand what is driving the score." - SHEP HYKEN, Customer service expert. Keynote speaker and New York Times best selling author.

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"The Net Promoters Score was powerful for... We found that it's crucial and it's this key



# Focus on SA scene

## PAC veteran re-arrested in the middle of the night

**J**OHANNESBURG - Former political prisoner Kenny Motsamai, who is currently on parole, was detained on Thursday night hours before a doctor's appointment. Prisons wardens accompanied by a police van pounced on him at his Katlehong home at midnight.

His daughter, Busi, said the officers did not explain the reason for the arrest and the family yesterday morning roped in EFF chairperson Advocate Dali Mpofu, who was key in getting Motsamai out of jail last year after spending 27 years behind bars.

"My father always informs prison authorities of his movements and this week he was granted permission to go to Pretoria twice and today he was supposed to see a doctor at 1 Military Hospital for injuries he sustained to his foot from wearing tracking braces," said Busi.

"This borders on harassment. They came here in the middle of the night and handcuffed him. Police said they only asked to escort the wardens to arrest him. We still don't know why he was arrested," said Busi.

Department of Correctional Services National Spokesperson Singabakho Nxumalo could not immediately comment on Motsamai's re-arrest. "I know



**RE-ARRESTED:**  
Former political prisoner Kenny Motsamai.

that he complained to us about the ankle braces... Officials are supposed to first seek clarity or explain why they are arresting a parolee who might have violated parole condition before an arrest is made.

It means its something very serious if they just arrest a parolee," said Nxumalo. Mpofu could not be reached immediately for comment.

Last month, Motsamai celebrated his

first year anniversary of his release from Boksburg Prison after spending 27 years for killing a white traffic officer in Rustenburg in 1989. Prior his release, Motsamai was granted a day parole with strict conditions that included leaving the prison at 8am and being back by 4pm. During this eight-month-long parole, he was fitted with a monitoring device on his left ankle.

*The Star*

## Fire Bathabile Dlamini - COSATU

**J**OHANNESBURG - Social Development Minister Bathabile Dlamini is holding both the Constitutional Court and the "entire nation" in contempt by applying for an extension of the Cash Paymaster Services (CPS) grants contract, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) said.

In a statement on Thursday night, it called for Dlamini to be removed from her post immediately and to be investigated.

The SA Social Security Agency's application to the Constitutional Court was a sign of "a dearth of leadership at government level," the trade union federation said.

The National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (NEHAWU) said it was "disingenuous" to claim that the payment by CPS needed to be phased out when the minister and SASSA were "well aware" they had had a year to cut ties with CPS, by March 2018.

"SASSA made a commitment to start using Postbank as from 1 February 2018 to pay social grants. We are now baffled as to why it would need to extend the CPS contract by another six months when the Constitutional Court made it unequivocally clear that the contract with CPS was both illegal and invalid," NEHAWU said.

COSATU said it was "shocked

but not surprised" that SASSA had once again applied to the court to illegally extend its CPS social grants contract.

"Yet again, Minister Dlamini and SASSA are toying with the laws of the Republic on this matter. They are obviously irredeemable and will never come right."

COSATU said it was time Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa intervened.

It asked him and the government to "release Dlamini from her responsibilities, overhaul the SASSA leadership and remove the social grants programme from SASSA's executive control and place it under the responsibility of the minister in the presidency and the finance minister, reporting directly to Ramaphosa".

It is not the first time COSATU has called for Dlamini to be axed.

COSATU called for the Post Office and Post Bank to be paying social grants within 100 calendar days.

"Minister Dlamini, her family and senior officials in her ministry and SASSA's leadership must undergo a lifestyle and forensic audit by the auditor-general and law enforcement agencies to determine if there is a corrupt relationship with CPS. If this is found to be so, they must be charged, arrested, assets seized and prosecuted," COSATU added.

*eNCA*

## Students angry over NSFAS funding take protest to Durban streets

**D**URBAN - Hundreds of aggrieved University of South Africa (UNISA) students in KwaZulu-Natal took to the streets on Thursday afternoon to protest against ongoing problems with funding and registration.

Students began their protest at the university, but soon reached parts of the inner city, including city hall and the provincial ANC's offices.

Students there dust bins and dirt onto the roads during bustling afternoon traffic.

Police had initially attempted to break up the group, but this proved unsuccessful. When the group got to the ANC offices, police were more

forceful, with one metro police officer ordering protesters to demonstrate across the road from the offices.

"You have trashed the city enough. You must go across the road," he said.

The students, however, insisted they were being mistreated by the education system. One student told News24: "We are poor. We wait outside here day and night and they tell us nothing. How can they treat us this way? This is not the SA we want." Earlier on Thursday UNISA SRC President Zandile Sodladla did not mince her words when she met with a large media contingent after a cancelled meeting with the National

Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS).

Sodladla said mass injustices had been committed against students because NSFAS and, to a lesser extent, university management were dragging their feet in funding students.

According to Sodladla, registration funding had not been activated for many. She said returning and new students were not allowed to register because they did not have funding from NSFAS and, therefore, could not pay the fees required.

Meanwhile, NSFAS spokesperson Kagiso Mamabolo had earlier told News24 that all students who

qualify for NSFAS funding must be allowed to register and attend classes at all universities.

He said Universities South Africa, the Department of Higher Education and NSFAS agreed to allow qualifying students to register without payment. The university issued a statement saying re-registering students would be allowed "to fully register for the 2018 academic year before the NSFAS funding process has been completed".

The university said only students who submitted registration by February 2 would be registered and that those registrations would be confirmed by February 14. *News24*

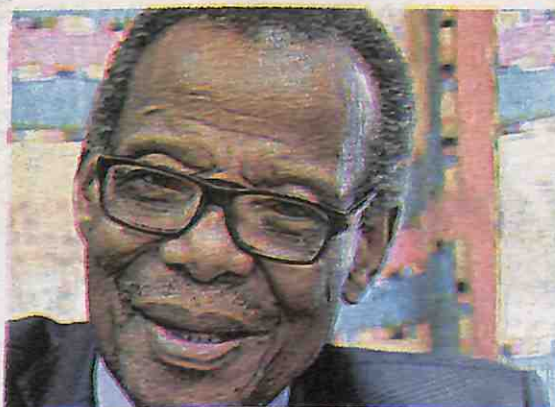
## Buthelezi slates SACP

**D**URBAN - The SACP was "grossly irresponsible" and had "crossed the line" by bringing ethnicity and tribalism into the current political confusion, IFP leader Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi told the Daily News on Wednesday.

He was reacting to a statement circulated by the SACP on Tuesday which claimed that President Jacob Zuma had called on "tribalism and ethnic mobilisation" to save his skin.

The statement has since been rubbished by the ANC.

The SACP statement "condemned tribalism and ethnic mobilisation," including that of *amabutho* (Zulu regiments), as part of Zuma's plan to "continue overstaying his welcome in office". "The SACP reiterates its decision for President Zuma to resign and for the ANC to recall him if he remains intransigent by refusing to resign. "President Zuma's conduct is reckless and unacceptable. The SACP is calling on all South Africans to unite in defence of our country and not allow him to go down with our



hard-won democracy," read the statement. Buthelezi, the Prime Minister of the Zulu nation and chief of the

*amabutho*, said there was no substance to the SACP's claim.

*Daily News*

**HITS BACK:**  
IFP leader Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

## 'Ramaphosa in talks with Zuma'

**J**OHANNESBURG - ANC communicators are keeping mum on where top six leaders, who failed to arrive at various events in Cape Town yesterday morning.

It is déjà vu as the Luthuli House spin machinery goes faulty on journalists in Cape Town, and in turn speculation gains traction that an emergency NEC meeting has been called for today.

It has been confirmed that the top six ANC officials have left for Johannesburg from Cape Town.

Political reporters and journalists are venting out their frustrations on different social media platforms about the ruling party's indifferent reaction to their protestations.

Secretary general Ace Magashule, spokesperson Pule Mabe and communications manager Khusele Sangoni have not responded or yet issued a statement. It is, however, understood and based on confirmation from Western Cape provincial leadership that the national leaders from Luthuli House will be holding an emergency meeting within 24 hours.

Meanwhile, in Phillipi where Magashule was expected to make an appearance at one of the walk-aboos, protesters holding placards written "where are the Vrede millions" told EWN this morning that they don't understand how someone implicated in multi-million fraud case can be sent to them as a leader.

*The Citizen*



## BRIEFS

## 8 arrested for gang rape, paedophilia

**BAMAKO** – Police in Mali said on Thursday they had arrested eight people in connection with two gang rapes and a separate case of paedophilia, as campaigners urged the adoption of laws penalising gender-based violence. Reports of the gang-rape of a young woman have circulated since the weekend in Mali, leading to the arrests of four young men aged between 16 and 25, the police said in a statement, in a case that has caused an outpouring of anger. "The four rapists seen in the video recently shared on social networks, were arrested in Bamako," the statement said.

AFP

## 'No reason' to return to IMF

**CCRA** – Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo hailed the country's economic recovery and said he saw "no reason" to seek further help from the International Monetary Fund. Once hailed as a regional growth model, in 2015 former president John Mahama's administration was forced to turn to the IMF for help amid a global commodities rout. But Akufo-Addo told Parliament in the annual state of the union address that his government had buckled down on mismanagement and pledged to stabilise the economy to avoid another bailout. **AFP**

## 'Emotional' response lamented

**GENEVA** – The World Health Organisation's chief lamented on Wednesday the "emotional" response to his short-lived appointment last year of Robert Mugabe as the WHO's goodwill ambassador, insisting the decision had been "in good faith". "There was no judgement problem," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters in Geneva, acknowledging though that the situation was "unfortunate". Tedros, who took over as the UN health agency's director-general last July, sparked an outcry just a few months into his term when he appointed Zimbabwe's authoritarian president as goodwill ambassador.

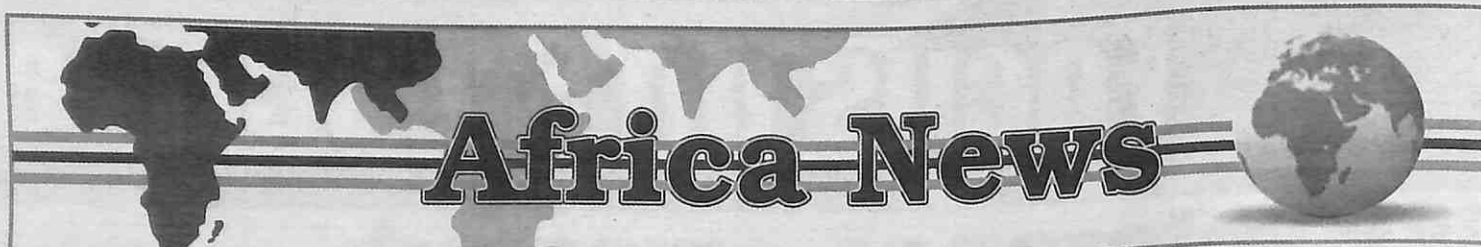
AFP

## Guinea reports Lassa fever death

**CONAKRY** – Authorities in Guinea announced the first death from Lassa fever in more than two decades on Thursday, heightening anxiety about another hemorrhagic fever in the West African country where an Ebola epidemic first emerged. The Ebola outbreak in late 2013 went on to kill more than 11 000 people in part because local authorities and the international community were slow to act when cases first popped up in a rural part of the deeply impoverished nation. In a government statement, health authorities confirmed that at least one person was dead and more than two dozen others had been monitored for possible symptoms. **AP**

## Fight counterfeit products assistance

**LAGOS** – The Japanese Government has pledged to assist Nigeria in its fight against substandard and counterfeit products in the country. Taku Miyazaki, the Trade Commissioner, Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) made this pledge while speaking with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Lagos. Miyazaki said consumers and investors needed to be protected from the negative impact of counterfeiting, which had destroyed the economy, business investments and international trade relationships. According to him, his government will collaborate with relevant government agencies in Nigeria to boost capacity of personnel through various workshops to detect fake and substandard products and protect intellectual property. **African News Agency**



# NIGERIA'S PRESIDENT WARNS TOGO ABOUT POLITICAL INSTABILITY

**ABUJA** – Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari warned about the dangers of political unrest as he met the new envoy from Togo, where there has been a wave of anti-government protests.

Buhari did not specifically mention Togo as he received the newly appointed ambassador, Lene Dimban, at the presidential villa in the capital, Abuja.

But according to his office, the president said "peaceful transitions" in Africa were now non-negotiable, because political crises had a drastic effect on the economy and people. The West African bloc ECOWAS was working "to prevent political transitions from snowballing into a crisis so that citizens in the region can focus their energies and



**WARNS: Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari**

resources rather than trying to survive political upheavals," he was quoted as saying.

Buhari became president in 2015 in a peaceful handover of power

after becoming the first opposition candidate in Nigerian history to defeat a sitting president.

Togo's President Faure Gnassingbe has faced an almost weekly round

of anti-government protests since late August last year, calling for political change and for his resignation. A coalition of 14 opposition parties wants the introduction of a two-term limit for presidents, in line with the majority of countries in the region. Gnassingbe has been in power since 2005 and is now in his third term of office, after taking over as president from his father, General Gnassingbe Eyadema, who himself ruled Togo for 38 years.

The opposition wants the limit on presidential mandates to be retroactive, to prevent Gnassingbe standing for re-election in 2020 and 2025.

Mediators from Ghana and Guinea have announced that talks will take place between the two sides in Togo's capital, Lome, on February 15.

AFP

## Nigerian government official with 86 cars charged with fraud

**ABUJA** – A Nigerian government official found with 86 new luxury cars was charged with fraud on Thursday, court papers showed.

Ibrahim Tumsah, Finance and Account Director at the Power, Works and Housing Ministry was arraigned at Abuja Federal High Court along with his brother, Tijani Tumsah – a member of a presidential committee on initiatives in the country's north east.

Both were accused of "refusing" to declare the assets "without rea-

sonable excuse" and after being given notice by a special presidential investigation panel tasked with the recovery of public property.

Besides the cars, their assets include four houses and a quarry plant in Abuja. Another court in December had ordered that all the property in question be temporarily seized.

Tumsah and his brother were granted bail after they pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The court has adjourned the case to March 1.

AFP

## 99-year-leases 'now bankable, transferable' - official

**HARARE** – Zimbabwe's Reserve Bank Governor, John Mangudya, has reportedly said that local banks have agreed to finance farmers after government tweaked the country's 99-year land leases to be "transferable and bankable".

According to the state-owned Herald newspaper, farmers were now going to be able to use their farms as collateral when taking loans, following the landmark development set to change the agricultural sector. The southern African country's financial institutions were previously refusing to borrow money to farmers, arguing that they were not transferable in the event that the farmers were unable to repay their loans.

But following talks with government, the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe and the bankers, it was agreed that the 99-year-leases were now bankable.

"In line with the current economic dispensation's aspirations to transform agriculture into viable business proposition and taking into account the significant improvements made by government on the 99-year leases to enhance the security of tenure of the lease and making it bankable and transferable, the [Reserve] Bank has agreed with banking institutions for them to accept the 99-year-leases as security for accessing credit from financial institutions in line the provisions of the leases," Mangudya was quoted as saying. He said that if government decided to take someone's farm, the banking institutions as financiers would be compensated. This came a week after Zimbabwe's white farmers said that they remained cautious over the new country's new land policy, which now allowed them to lease the land for 99 years. **News24**

## Zimbabwe's top opposition party hurt by power struggles

**HARARE** – Power struggles are ravaging Zimbabwe's main opposition party months before the election as party leader Morgan Tsvangirai seeks cancer treatment in neighbouring South Africa.

Three deputies are vying to act as MDC-T party leader in Tsvangirai's absence. Spokesperson Luke Tamborinyoka told reporters that Tsvangirai remains unwell but will return to the country "soon". The spokesperson described those interested in succeeding him as "political vultures."

The 65-year-old Tsvangirai has dominated opposition politics for close to two decades as the leading voice against former president Robert Mugabe, who resigned under pressure in November.

The upcoming election will be the first without Mugabe, who led the southern African country for 37 years. The opposition is scrambling to counter new President

Emmerson Mnangagwa, a long-time Mugabe ally who has vowed that the election will be free and fair as he seeks to re-engage the international community after years of sanctions over alleged human rights abuses.

Tamborinyoka on Wednesday announced that Tsvangirai had appointed deputy Nelson Chamisa to act as party leader until his return. But other party members are disputing that, saying deputy Elias Mudzuri, who was acting leader before the announcement, or deputy Thokozani Khupe is acting leader or rightful heir.

An opposition alliance has endorsed Tsvangirai as its presidential candidate. But his condition appeared to have deteriorated when he met Mnangagwa in January.

The opposition infighting could come as a gift to Mnangagwa as he seeks to stay in power.

AP



**INDISPOSED:**  
Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai.



# World News

## Is it ok to insult the king? Dutch MPs debate law change

**T**HE HAGUE – Dutch MPs on Thursday debated scrapping 19th-century laws making it a criminal offence to insult the king, with backers of a Draft Bill saying they no longer fit a "modern monarchy".

But the issue is a hot-button topic in the Netherlands where the royal family is much loved, and the down-to-earth King Willem-Alexander has proved as popular as his mother, former queen Beatrix, since he succeeded to the throne in 2013.

The lowlands nation of 17 million people remains one of the few countries to still maintain "lese majeste" laws, under which it is a criminal offence to insult or defame the monarch. But the Draft Bill put for-



**IN PARLIAMENT:** Dutch MPs were debating scrapping 19th century laws making it a criminal offence to insult the king, with backers of a Draft Bill saying they no longer fit a "modern monarchy".

ward by the progressive D66 party, a member of the ruling coalition, is causing fissures in the fragile four-party ruling alliance first deemed a crime in 1830, the law banning defamation of the head of the royal

household has been on the Dutch statute books since 1886.

But today it "implies restricting freedom of speech," argued D66 MP Kees Verhoeven in his Draft Bill, first put forward in early 2016.

"Since 1830, 185 years have gone by. That's a good reason to update changes to the legislation," he said. "Time has run out for this law," Socialist deputy Ronald van Raak argued in the chamber.

"Legislation should make no distinction between insulting the king and insulting your neighbour," he added, insisted that freedom of speech "must trump the king's sensibilities". The law is seldom invoked however, and carries a maximum of five years in jail or a penalty of nearly 20,000 euros (\$24,500).

Last used in July 2016, a man was jailed for 30 days for insulting Willem-Alexander on Facebook, calling him a "murderer, thief and rapist". **AFP**

## Ex-Trump aide Omarosa warns things 'bad' inside White House

**W**ASHINGTON – Reality TV star turned political operative turned reality TV star Omarosa Manigault has issued a cryptic warning that things are "bad" inside the White House and the public should be worried.

The fiery former star who was pushed out of the White House appeared in a preview of Thursday's *Celebrity Big Brother*, warning all is not well in that other Big House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

"I was haunted by tweets every single day, like what is he gonna tweet," she told a fellow contestant in what was billed as a candid late-night exchange with a co-star.

"I'm not there. It's not my, it's not my circus, not my monkeys. I'd like to say it's not my problem but I can't

say that because, like, it's bad."

She does little to assuage the concerns of her housemate, who asks if everything is going to be okay.

"No, it's not going to be OK," she says. "It's not." Manigault's White House role was short-lived and lacklustre. She could be seen at presidential photo ops, walking the corridors and occasionally in the White House briefing room, but the impact of her "Office of Public Liaison" was unclear. Although one of the most prominent African Americans in the Trump administration, raking in \$179,700 a year, colleagues often questioned her role.

Her departure came shortly after it was revealed that she held her bridal shower in the White House.

**AFP**

## Two British IS 'Beatles' fighters captured in Syria: US official

**W**ASHINGTON – Two British Islamic State fighters, members of a kidnapping cell dubbed "The Beatles" that was notorious for videotaping beheadings, have been captured in Syria, a US defense official confirmed Thursday.

The two members of the group who had still been in the field, Alexandra Amon Kotey and El Shafee el-Sheikh, both from Britain, were captured in January in eastern Syria by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces.

The pair are believed to have "participated in the detention, exploitation and execution of Western detainees," the official said in a statement. The two were also "believed to have acted as guards and interpreters involved in ISIS' illegal captivity of Western hostages, and are thought to have links to the British terrorist often called

"Jihadi John," the official said. Last year, the US State Department said the London-born Kotey had "likely" taken part in executions and used "exceptionally cruel torture methods, including electric shock and waterboarding," while guarding the group's captives.

Among the other two members of the "Beatles" group, Mohammed Emwazi - "Jihadi John" - was killed in 2015 in a drone strike by the US-led coalition fighting the Islamic State group. The fourth member of the gang, Aine Davis, is being held in Turkey. Emwazi was the group's leader, gaining notoriety for using a knife to kill hostages in a string of beheadings that were videotaped and posted on the internet, generating outrage against the IS group but also inspiring similar acts by the extremists. **AFP**

## Hero labrador sniffs out survivor in Taiwan quake wreckage

**H**UALIEN – A rookie golden Labrador on his first ever mission has won praise for helping Taiwanese search and rescue workers find two people trapped in a severely damaged building following a deadly earthquake. Four-year-old Tie Hsiung, whose name translates to "Iron Hero", braved dangerous aftershocks on his first field test to search for survivors after a 6.4-magnitude quake struck the popular eastern tourist city of Hualien on Tuesday, killing 10 people.

Thanks to the determined dog, one person trapped for 15 hours was finally located relatively unscathed and pulled from the wreckage of the precariously leaning Marshal Hotel.

"The terrain was quite dangerous with glass and nails," 28-year-old trainer Li Chun-sheng told AFP, beaming with pride.

"I thought he may be too afraid, but he was able to overcome this to go into the rubble pile, so I think he did great." The other person pulled from the rubble succumbed to their injuries. As soon as the quake struck, Tie Hsiung flew out with a rescue team from the western city of Taichung alongside his training companion, fellow Labrador Twei ("Leg-Leg"), who is also four years old. It was a mission the canines had trained extensively for - but until now they had never been truly tested. Twei Twei's trainer Lin You-zhun applauded his own black Labrador who was sent to search the hotel's upper floors.

"Usually we choose where and when we train, and it is always in a safe area. But during a natural disaster, we never know when there will be aftershocks," said Lin, also 28.

**AFP**

## LA police send Weinstein sex assault cases to prosecutors

**L**OS ANGELES – Police in Los Angeles have submitted three sexual assault cases against disgraced film producer Harvey Weinstein to prosecutors, the District Attorney's Office said on Thursday. "Three cases were presented to our office on February 1 by the Los Angeles Police Department regarding Mr. Weinstein and are under review," spokesman Greg Risling said in a statement, without offering further details. The office is also believed to be reviewing two other possible cases previously submitted by the Beverly Hills Police Department. Dozens of Hollywood women - including Ashley Judd, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kate Beckinsale and Salma Hayek - have accused Weinstein of acts ranging from sexual harassment to rape.

The veteran producer, who is reported-



**UNDER INVESTIGATION:** Film Producer Harvey Weinstein.

ly in treatment for sexual addiction as he faces parallel investigations by police in New York and London, has repeatedly denied having non-consensual sex. **AFP**

## BRIEFS

### Lebanon seeks death sentence

**BEIRUT** – A Lebanese judge on Thursday requested the death sentence for a man accused of sexually assaulting and killing British embassy worker Rebecca Dykes late last year. Tarek Hawshiya, a 30-year-old Lebanese, was arrested on December 18 in connection with the murder. The driver with ride-hailing giant Uber admitted at the time to strangling Dykes after trying to rape her. The Lebanese judge tasked with investigating the crime recommended the death sentence for Hawshiya. Judge Hanna Braidt accused Hawshiya of "raping British diplomat Rebecca Dykes and killing her in the neighbourhood of Achrafieh in Beirut in a premeditated and deliberate act." The case will now be sent to Lebanon's criminal court for trial.

**AFP**

### Affair with staffer grips Australia

**SYDNEY** – An affair between Australia's married deputy prime minister and a younger member of his staff, who is now pregnant, gripped the country, reigniting questions over MPs' private lives. Barnaby Joyce, leader of the National Party which rules in a coalition with the Liberals, is best known internationally for threatening to euthanise Hollywood star Johnny Depp's two dogs when they were brought into Australia illegally. The 50-year-old appeared on national television to admit his marriage had broken down after Sydney's *Daily Telegraph* splashed a picture of his 33-year-old pregnant lover on its front page on Wednesday.

**AFP**

### Cambodia frees on bail

**PHNOM PENH** – A court in Cambodia has allowed the release on bail of seven Westerners who were arrested last month for allegedly posting photos on social media of themselves engaged in sexually suggestive dancing, a court official said. Yim Srang, a court spokesperson in the northwestern province of Siem Reap, said the investigation of the case has been completed and the seven were freed on Wednesday, but no trial date has been set. He said three other people remained in detention but he didn't know their names or nationalities.

**AP**

### Top cops accused disappearances

**COATZACOALCOS** – Authorities in the violent Mexican state of Veracruz accused two former state police chiefs and other top cops Thursday of running a hitsquad that abducted and presumably killed at least 15 people. A total of 20 people were arrested, charged or targeted with arrest warrants in the case, the product of a more than year-long investigation, said Governor Miguel Angel Yunes. "This investigation proved that certain bad elements [in the police force] and their commanders violated the most basic human right: the right to life," his office said in a statement.

**AFP**

### Leader accused of sexual misconduct

**SACRAMENTO** – California Democratic Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, the head of the Legislative Women's Caucus and a leading figure in the state's anti-sexual harassment movement, is accused of groping a male staffer from another lawmaker's office. Daniel Fierro told The Associated Press on Thursday that Garcia stroked his back, squeezed his buttocks and attempted to touch his crotch in a dugout after a legislative softball game in 2014.

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**Linah Dlangetandla Lubhedze (LaMasilela)**



**Funeral: 11/02/2018**  
**Vigil: Saturday**  
**Place: Jabulane**

Friends and relatives of **Linah Dlangetandla Lubhedze (LaMasilela)** are notified that she is late. Funeral will be at her marital home at Jabulane Dvokolwako on the 11th February 2018 on Sunday, after a night vigil. Announcement is made by Joel Lubhedze on behalf of the family.

**Inkhosikati Zamekile C. Magagula**



**Funeral: 10/02/2018**  
**Vigil: Friday**  
**Place: eKuphakameni**

Relatives, friends and families of **Inkhosikati Zamekile C. Magagula** (late chief M a l a m l e l a Magagula's wife) are notified of her demise. She will be laid to rest on Saturday 10/02/2018 in the morning after a night vigil on Friday evening, at Ekuphakameni Royal Kraal in Dvokolwako e M s i n d a. Announcement made by Magagula family.

**Mathokoza Clement Mangwe**



**Funeral: 11/02/2018**  
**Vigil: Saturday**  
**Place: eMacetjeni**

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**Douglas Gule Dlamini**



**Funeral: 10/02/2018**  
**Vigil: Friday**  
**Place: Lozitha**

Family and friends of **Douglas Gule Dlamini**, popularly known as strike, are notified of his death. Funeral will be at Lozitha - kaMthimkhulu on 10/02/2018 after a night vigil. Announcement made by Lomagugu Dlamini on behalf of the family.

**Maria Magabeni**



**Funeral: 10/02/2018**  
**Vigil: Friday**  
**Place: Lomahasha**

Kwatsiswa tihlobo, bangani nebaka Ngala e M b u z i n i, basekhahabonina kaMahlalela, bakagogo wakhe ka M n i s i, nebakaJwankie kutsi **Maria Magabeni** akasekho emhlabeni. Utawufihlwa ekhaya lakhe kaLomahasha ngeLisonfo mhlaka 10/02/2018, emuva kwemlindzelo. Simemetelo sikhishwa ngumndeni waka Jwankie. Siteshi kuse Lomahasha High School.

**Nqobile Angel Ndlangamandla**



**Funeral: 11/02/2018**  
**Vigil: Saturday**  
**Place: kuMalindza**

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### JOB 13:15

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**Simeon Sporty Mhlanga**



**Funeral: 10/02/2018**  
**Vigil: Friday**  
**Place: eNgwane Park**

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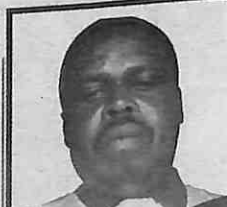
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# MARCO REUS SET TO MAKE COMEBACK FOR DORTMUND

**B**ERLIN – Injury-prone German international winger Marco Reus could make his return after torn cruciate knee ligaments for Borussia Dortmund today against strugglers Hamburg, just four months out from the World Cup.

Reus, 28, has been sidelined since last May's German Cup final, when Dortmund beat Eintracht Frankfurt in Berlin, and has been working his way back to fitness in recent weeks.

He could feature in today's squad, but head coach Peter Stoecker says a decision will only be made closer to the Bundesliga game.

German daily Bild say Reus had targeted the away game at Borussia Moenchengladbach on February 18 – but he might feature sooner than planned.

## Notice

"Marco trained normally over the week, we know he wants to play, and he knows that we would like to have him in," said Stoecker on Thursday.

"We will make a decision at short notice." While Dortmund are reluctant to rush the injury-prone Reus back into action,

the attacking midfielder is keen to find form and fitness four months out from the World Cup in Russia.

A string of injuries have restricted him to 29 international appearances and nine goals for Germany.

## Injuries

Injuries have seen him miss the last two major international tournaments. An ankle injury suffered in the final warm-up game ruled the fleet-footed playmaker out of eventual champions Germany's 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

He then missed the finals of Euro 2016 with a persistent groin injury. *AFP*



SUSPENDED: PSG's Kylian Mbappe.

## MBAPPE HANDED TWO-MATCH

**P**ARIS – Paris St Germain forward Kylian Mbappe will be back from suspension to face Ligue 1 title rivals Marseille later this month after being handed a two-match ban on Thursday by the league's disciplinary commission.

France international Mbappe, 19, was sent off for a rough challenge on Ismaila Sarr in PSG's 3-2 League Cup semi-final win

against Stade Rennes last week.

He was automatically suspended from last weekend's game at Lille and must also sit out this month's fixture with Strasbourg but Thursday's decision, which takes effect from Monday, means he can play against Toulouse today and OM on February 25. PSG are 11 points clear of second-placed Marseille.

*Daily Mail*

## Relaxed Serena ready for Fed Cup comeback

**A**SHEVILLE – Serena Williams returns to tennis today, with all eyes on the former world number one as she sets out on her quest to reclaim her position at the pinnacle of her sport.

The 36-year-old superstar has not played a competitive match since winning the last of her 23 Grand Slam titles at the Australian Open last year, where she was in the early stages of pregnancy.

Since giving birth to her daughter Alexis Olympia in September, Williams has played only once, in an exhibition match in Abu Dhabi in December, where she lost to French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko.

Williams had initially targeted last month's Australian Open for a comeback, but abandoned that ambitious goal after declaring she was not "where I personally want to be".

## Competitive

Instead, she will get her first taste of competitive tennis when the United States kick off the defence of their Fed Cup crown against the Netherlands at Asheville, North Carolina.

Williams heads a powerful US team that includes her elder sister, and eighth-ranked, Venus, world number 17 CoCo Vandeweghe as well as world number 62 Lauren Davis.

The tie opens with two singles rubbers today followed by reverse singles tomorrow, with doubles as the fifth rubber if required. US captain Kathy Rinaldi said the Fed Cup was the perfect venue for Williams to launch her comeback.

"She's been out, becoming a new mom, and she's looking to get back into playing," Rinaldi said. "We saw her play an exhibition at the end of last year, but this is a great way for her to start the year and get a couple matches or a match behind her. *AFP*

## 'Laureus World Sports Award nomination dream come true'

**J**OHANNESBURG – South Africa's Olympic women's 800m champion Caster Semenya says it is a dream come true to be nominated for the Laureus World Sports Awards to be held in Monaco, on February 27.

"As an athlete, obviously we have goals, we have dreams, but this is one of the dreams that I dreamed, from young, watching sportsmen and sportswomen on top of the world, being nominated, and then say one day, if I can be there, I will be fulfilled."

Semenya said it was very special to be selected among the best in the world.

"When you check the likes of Michael Johnson, for me, it's a very special feeling. It's someone that I looked up to since I'm watching what he has accomplished. It's just amazing."

Semenya has been nominated in a group of very famous sportswomen: Serena Williams, Katie Ledecky, Allyson Felix plus tennis player, Garbine Muguruza. "Those are great



EXCITED: Caster Semenya.

sportswomen. Great in what they do. I respect their work. I follow their work.

They are phenomenal. They are strong. What I can say, I have one word for them: They are fantastic.

## Blessed

"I feel blessed, privileged to be among a list of great women like that. So what I can say is, may they keep working hard and God bless them. Being

nominated with the best, I feel like I am a winner already."

Looking back at her career, Semenya, is quick to pick out the highlights.

"I would say that Rio (Olympics in 2016) is one of my highlights, and obviously back then (at the World Championships in 2009) was the first time I made it to the scene. So those were the highlights of my life.

*African News Agency*

## Bayern 'need some time' to decide on Robben, Ribery contracts

**B**ERLIN – Veteran wingers Arjen Robben and Franck Ribery are effectively playing for new contracts after Bayern Munich Chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge admitted the club are in no rush to extend their deals.

Robben and Ribery, both 34, are out of contract at the end of the season, and a primary round of extension negotiations has already begun.

They are part of a group of four players, alongside goalkeeper Sven Ulreich and defender Rafinha, whose contracts expire in June.

"We need some time, then we will make decisions," Rummenigge told Sky.

"What is required of us is to create a gentle transition.

"We have already made a first (round of talks), when the second will follow, we will see."

According to daily newspaper Bild, a decision will be made by the end of March at the earliest, leaving the quartet with just a few months to convince the German champions – currently 18 points clear in the Bundesliga – of their continued worth.

Between them Robben and Ribery – part of the team that won the 2013 treble of

Champions League, German Cup and Bundesliga – have made nearly

650 appearances for Bayern and scored exactly 250 goals.

However, both are injury prone, especially Ribery, who tore a knee ligament last October.



Yet, when fit, they continue to perform.

Robben scored two late goals in Tuesday's 6-0 thrashing of minnows Paderborn in the quarter-finals of the German Cup.

Ribery netted a rare Bundesliga goal in Bayern's 2-0 win at Mainz last Saturday.

Bayern will not want to leave themselves light on the flanks and Kingsley Coman is the only other winger in the

squad, although Germany forward Thomas Mueller can play out wide.

Bayern host Schalke in a crunch Bundesliga match today, and face Besiktas in the last-16 of the Champions League in a fortnight.

*AFP*

## US soccer to choose new president after SWC debacle

**O**RLANDO – Evolution or revolution? Football in the United States faces a potentially pivotal leadership election today in a hotly-contested ballot that could have far-reaching ramifications for the game.

Four months after the United States' shock failure to qualify for the 2018 World Cup, the inquest into what went wrong continues to dog American soccer.

In the aftermath of that crushing setback, United States Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati opted to step down.

## Succeed

Now a crowded field of eight candidates are vying to succeed Gulati, with some contenders vowing a wide-ranging shake-up of the way soccer is run in the United States while others preach continuity.

The new president will be elected by a pool of delegates drawn from various constituencies across US soccer.

These include the 91 state associations, national associations and professional leagues, members of the Athletes Council, members of the USSF Board of Directors, past presidents and life members.

So far no candidate has emerged as the overwhelming front-runner, although Kathy Carter, the president of the USSF's promotional partner Soccer United Marketing, has made a late charge, according to media reports.

*AFP*





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## BRIEFS

## Mahrez returns to Leicester training

LEICESTER - Riyad Mahrez ended his self-imposed exile from Leicester City yesterday with Sky Sports reporting the Algerian has returned to training ahead of today's trip to Manchester City. Mahrez, 26, has not featured for in two matches or training, since the move he wanted to runaway Premier League leaders City fell through due to Leicester's demands on January 31, transfer deadline day. According to Sky, Mahrez has been hit with a £240,000 (\$334,000) fine for failing to report to training over the past week.

AFP

## Dyche hopes break will ease injury woes

LONDON - Burnley manager Sean Dyche is hopeful that a two-week break from action following today's Premier League trip to Swansea City will ease their injury burden as they go into the home stretch of the season. Defender Phil Bardsley (hamstring) was the latest addition to a long injury list but with the club not involved in next week's FA Cup action after being knocked out by Manchester City, Dyche is looking forward to easing his players back.

Reuters

## Watford's 'Mr Fixt' always on call

LONDON - It should have been a welcome day off for Lorenzo Libutti and a chance to spend some time with his wife shortly before the birth of their second child. But then English Premier League club Watford appointed Spaniard Javi Gracia as their new manager - their tenth since 2012 - and Libutti was back at the club's Colney training ground, just north of London, to help the new boss and his backroom staff settle in. "It was supposed to be my day off," Libutti told AFP in an interview at Colney just days after becoming a father for the second time.

Reuters

# 'FOR ME, WINNING IS SOMETHING NORMAL'



HAPPY: Patrice Evra

**L**ONDON - Veteran defender Patrice Evra says he is happy to have found a new home at West Ham United where he has signed a short-term contract.

The 36-year-old former Monaco, Manchester United and Juventus left-back had been without a club since his release from Marseille in November 2017.

A serial winner, and former French captain, with numerous titles and accolades under his belt, Evra says he is determined to help the Hammers with his 'winning men-

talities in every game'.

Speaking to the club's official website after signing his new deal, Evra revealed his excitement at joining the Premier League side.

He said: "I'm excited, but a lot of people talk about the past and the most important thing is the present. The Patrice Evra of Man United is done. Now is a new challenge, which is the Patrice Evra playing for West Ham."

## Proud

"I am proud and I'd like to say thanks to the fans, but the easiest part is to say it on camera, while the hard part is to give 100 per cent of myself, every time I wear the shirt here, because I respect the people who got me here and it's very important for me to give my best to the club."

He added: "People ask 'Why are you still playing? You have nothing to prove' but every day you wake up, you have something to prove to yourself. That's me."

"When I was working on my own, not one time was I thinking about retirement or something like that. Every day I was going to training with a lot of anger, so I am really happy to have done my training today. I am feeling good."

"In life, nobody gave me anything for free, so that's why I know I have to work hard and that's what I like to do."

He further explained: "I will bring my winning mentality in every game. Even in training and in the gym, in everything you do, you have to have that winning mentality."

"When you win one game, you must always think about the next one, so that's what I will bring here. For me, winning is something normal."

AFP

## HERRERA HAS CLEAR CONSCIENCE OVER MATCH-FIXING CLAIMS

**M**ANCHESTER - Manchester United midfielder Ander Herrera has categorically denied having any involvement in match-fixing.

The match between Real Zaragoza and Levante from May 2011 is currently under investigation in

Spain as a 2-1 victory for Zaragoza meant that Deportivo La Coruna were relegated.

The 28-year-old Spanish international played in that match, having come up through the youth ranks at Zaragoza before making a name for himself in the first side.

But in a statement, Herrera said he was not involved in any potential fixing of the result.

## Issue

He said: "As I stated back in 2014 when this issue was raised, I have never had and will never have anything to do with manipulating

match results."

"If I am ever called to testify in a judicial hearing, I will be delighted to attend as my conscience is totally clear."

"I love football and I believe in fair play, both on and off the pitch."

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## Lacazette's Arsenal career is all but over

**L**ONDON - The French forward only joined in the summer but has struggled recently, scoring just once in 12 games. Alexandre Lacazette's Arsenal career is as good as over believes former star Emmanuel Petit.

The French striker joined in a £52million move last summer, departing Ligue 1 with a stellar reputation after his goalscoring exploits with Lyon.

But his future at the Emirates is already uncertain, with the club splashing out £56million on Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang last month after Lacazette's recent goalscoring struggles.

## Faith

According to Petit, Arsenal Chief Arsene Wenger has already lost faith in the striker - and his fate in north London may already be sealed.

"Lacazette is under massive pressure," said Petit. "He needs to improve or face the exit this summer."

"Aubameyang's signing tells me it might already be too late. Arsene Wenger's belief in Lacazette has gone."

Lacazette has scored nine goals in 28 games for the Gunners since his summer arrival.

Mirror





## BRIEFS

## Ertugral psyched over striking options at Ajax

CAPE TOWN – Ajax Cape Town coach Muhsin Ertugral is very clear about his reasoning with regard to the controversial Tendai Ndoro situation. As far as the Turk is concerned, the Zimbabwean striker is currently clear to play, until a different decision is handed down. As such, when Ajax face Orlando Pirates in a Nedbank Cup last 32 clash at the Orlando Stadium in Soweto tomorrow night (8.15pm), Ertugral insists that Ndoro will play, irrespective of what so-called commentators may think. The Cape side's coach has absolutely no concern about the eligibility of Ndoro.

IOLSPORT

## Baroka FC suspend coach Thobejane

JOHANNESBURG – Baroka FC coach Kgoloko Thobejane has been suspended, the club have confirmed. The Limpopo club's CEO, Morgan Mammila, could not divulge the reasons for the suspension. "Yes it's true. The coach has been suspended," Mammila told TimesLIVE yesterday afternoon. Unconfirmed information reaching TimesLIVE, denied by Mammila, was that the suspension had to do with an allegation of drinking by the coach with certain players after a match.

Times Live

## French side Rennais release Bafana striker

JOHANNESBURG – Former Orlando Pirates and SuperSport United striker Kermit Erasmus has parted ways with Ligue 1 club Stade Rennais. The Bafana Bafana striker struggled for game time at Rennes since joining them from Pirates in 2016. He was loaned out to Ligue 2 side Lens last season, where he made 12 league appearances. Rennes have now confirmed through their Twitter account that they have released the 27-year-old from his contract. "The Rennais FC and Kermit Erasmus Stadium have earlier terminated the contract that linked them since January 2016. "The player is therefore free from any commitment."

Citizen

# WHEN WILL THE FOOTBALL GODS FINALLY SMILE ON ME?



JOHANNESBURG – Steve Komphela says he hopes to see his luck change in as far as ending his personal drought of trophies.

Kaizer Chiefs take on Golden Arrows in the last 32 of the Nedbank Cup tomorrow at FNB Stadium, and their coach is desperate to go all the way in this tournament.

Since his arrival in 2015, Komphela has reached two cup finals with

Amakhosi, but failed to win both – losing to Ajax Cape Town and Mamelodi Sundowns in the same season. He's not been able to escape the wrath of the Chiefs supporters to date.

"I have been wondering when the football gods will finally smile at me," Komphela said on Thursday afternoon.

"I want to be so selfless that if I was asked that is it okay if I per-

ish so that Chiefs win a trophy and the people are happy, I will gladly accept."

The coach is also still hopeful of toppling ABSA Premiership log leaders Mamelodi Sundowns, who have opened up a seven-point gap, in the final weeks of the 2017-18 season. But many have said this is an unrealistic expectation.

Komphela said he does not lose sleep over the lack of silverware

at Chiefs, but admitted that it is the pain the supporters feel that haunts him. "The club must be protected," he said. "My circumstances growing up were unforgiving and at the back of no expectations, there were no disappointments."

"That's why I have no regrets irrespective of the conditions. But a club like Chiefs, such a big brand, needs to keep achieving and for its people to be happy." IOL Sport

## Nedbank Cup not a priority for SuperSport

PRETORIA – Given that SuperSport United are blowing hot and cold in the league, Eric Tinkler does not appear to be keen on embarking on a successful defence of the Nedbank Cup.

SuperSport have dominated the tournament for the past two years having unprecedentedly won the title twice on the trot. What would be a remarkable third time in a row is not on the cards as Tinkler prioritise top-flight status.

"Right now our priority has to be the league," said Tinkler ahead of Matsatsantsa A Pitori's Nedbank Cup round of 32 against Bloemfontein Celtic tomorrow.

"We made it clear that as much as we would have loved to try and keep the title and hold on to it for a third time, right now it is not our priority. I've explained to the players," Tinkler added.

He continued: "We have three very massive league games com-



BIGGER PICTURE: SuperSport United coach Eric Tinkler.

ing up, two of them are extremely important, Platinum Stars and Ajax Cape Town. So obviously our priority has to be there but that does not mean that we don't want to see ourselves going through to the next round."

Tinkler said he will rest key members of his squad and give his fringe players an opportunity to play. Be-

that as it may, the former Orlando Pirates mentor is confident that whichever team he picks will be able to muster a way through to the round of 16.

"We believe we've got a squad good enough with some experience and with some youth that can go to Celtic and get us the right result. Citizen

## PSL DC to make decision on Ndoro matter

CAPE TOWN – A date was set for the Premier Soccer League Disciplinary Committee to sit next week regarding the matter of Ajax Cape Town forward Tendai Ndoro.

The Urban Warriors signed the Zimbabwean forward during the final days of the January transfer window.

The veteran forward started the 2017/18 season plying his trade at Orlando Pirates before joining Al Faisaly in Saudi Arabia's Professional League.

According to the FIFA rules you can only register for three clubs during a single season.

However, the individual can only play for two sides. The PSL cleared Ndoro to play after the Buccaneers' dispute over his eligibility.

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# 'TRUMP, JONG-UN' KICKED OUT OF WINTER OLYMPICS OPENING CEREMONY

**K**OREA - Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un have met for the first time at the Winter Olympics in South Korea - but it's not all that it may seem.

Two men impersonating the US president and North Korean dictator took spectators by surprise - managing to fool some - at yesterday's opening ceremony in Pyeongchang.

The Trump impersonator - wearing a suit, the president's trademark long red tie and a red "USA" hat - and the Kim doppelganger - wearing glasses and a long black coat - put their arms around each other and waved at the crowd as athletes paraded into the Olympic stadium.

But their appearance was short-lived, as both were kicked out of the stadium after posing for selfies and causing a stir.

Chelsea Janes, a reporter with the Washington Post, wrote on Twitter: "Trump impersonator met Kim Jong Un impersonator, and they left peacefully together."

The Olympic Spirit at its best."

Her colleague Josh Rogin tweeted: "Trump and Kim Jong Un (impersonators) meet at the Olympics! Hilarious."

NPR special correspondent Melissa Block added: "Drama! Big excitement as Trump and Kim Jong Un impersonators were just escorted out of the stadium right behind me."

Before the ceremony started, the Trump

...as they meet amid nuclear tensions



**BIG GUNS: Kim Jong-un and Donald Trump impersonators were kicked out of the Olympic stadium. (Mirror)**

and Kim lookalikes were stood outside the stadium, where they were said to have received a warm welcome by passers-by who were stunned at first.

Kim's lookalike, identified as Howard, told AFP: "When we arrived at the station we were treated like rock stars."

"Some people were fooled but most people can see the lighter side."

Howard and Trump impersonator Dennis

Alan said their appearance was meant to carry a serious message. Howard, an Australian based in Hong Kong, said: "This is a peace envoy. We're going to promote peace and show people this is what peace can look like."

He expressed hope that "the real Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un could also get on and not start World War Three".

*Mirror*

## Winter Olympics 2018 opening ceremony in freezing Korea

**K**OREA - The wait is over - the Winter Olympics have begun.

Around 3 000 athletes from 93 countries have packed out the South Korean city of Pyeongchang for a Games that appears to have everything.

There were certainly some weird and wonderful sights at the opening ceremony, with performers flying through the air before a giant metal white tiger took to the stage.

But that was just the start.

After the athletes paraded, the Olympic symbol was created via augmented reality as snowboarders raced down a hill to form the iconic five rings.

Then the flame entered the stadium and was passed around by Korea's top athletes - including members of the unified ice hockey team - as the torch was lit by famed ice skater Yuna Kim.

Then came the obligatory huge firework display - and that was the signal that Pyeongchang had truly

begun.

Before Pita Taufatofua of Tonga was the star of the show - coming out in just a grass skirt despite temperatures in the minus 20s.

Then Tongan did the very same thing for the 2016 Summer Games in Brazil - although it was a little warmer there.

Then there was a huge roar when the unified Korean team emerged - with joint flag bearers from North and South - to floods of emotion from the crowd.

They came out after the British team who waved to the crowd and loudly whooped as they made their way around the stadium.

But before all that started there was dancing and drumming, in fact lots of drumming, as performers arranged themselves into a Yin-Yang South Korean flag to the delight of the crowd.

Then after the national anthem, the athletes began flowing in.

*Mirror*



## 'Isco exit rumours all lies'

**M**ADRID - Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane has branded a report saying he wants to sell Spain midfielder Isco as "lies".

"I have full faith in my team. I am one of those people who, when I start something, I go with it to the death. I believe in what I do, and I want Isco to stay here his whole life," Zidane said at a press conference yesterday ahead of this weekend's home clash with Real Sociedad in La Liga.

"Isco is a very good player. It is a lie, and I am answering in order to put an end to this," added the Frenchman of the Spanish media report which claimed he had asked Real President Florentino Perez to find a buyer for the 25-year-old at the end of this campaign.

That has led to inevitable speculation in England that Isco - who came off the bench for Gareth Bale and scored Real's second goal in their 2-2 draw at Levante last weekend - could be bound for the Premier League. "We have 25 players and everyone is important. Perhaps Isco won't play every game but I am counting on him," said Zidane. His team are currently fourth in La Liga ahead of today's match at the Santiago Bernabeu, which serves first and foremost as a rehearsal for next Wednesday's crunch Champions League last 16, first leg at home to Paris Saint-Germain.

The reigning Spanish and European champions are no longer in the running to defend their title in La Liga, in which they have won just two of their last six games and sit 19 points behind leaders Barcelona, albeit with a game in hand. *AFP*

## Van Dijk back at Saints

**S**UNDERLAND - Liverpool's Virgil van Dijk returns to the club who sold him in a world record fee for a defender tomorrow in the Premier League still unsure as to who will partner him at the heart of Jurgen Klopp's defence.

Van Dijk has experienced a mixed start to his Liverpool career since joining for £75 million from Southampton last month after a prolonged and sometimes acrimonious six-month pursuit.

The 26-year-old Dutchman scored the late winner on his debut in the FA Cup tie against Everton but missed the league win over Manchester City, before struggling in defeats against Swansea City and West Bromwich Albion when he was partnered

by Cameroonians Joel Matip.

After being

dropped to the bench for the win over Huddersfield Town, when Dejan Lovren played alongside Matip, Van Dijk was restored to the defence alongside the Croat in last week's 2-2 home draw with Tottenham Hotspur, impressing up to the point he conceded a controversial last-minute penalty.

Former Liverpool midfielder Jan Molby is among those who believes Klopp must settle on a favoured defensive combination to give them the best chance of developing an effective partnership.

"It wouldn't surprise me if Klopp at some stage decides that Lovren and Van Dijk is his preferred centre back partnership," Molby wrote in his column for the Liverpool Echo.

"I think Lovren playing alongside Van Dijk instead of Matip may actually improve him (Lovren)."

Van Dijk arrived with a reputation for being an organiser who could finally bring discipline to a defence which has struggled badly, particularly from set-pieces, under Klopp.

While there were signs of greater stability against Spurs, the two penalties conceded in the game suggested the old problems have yet to be eradicated. "There's a part of him which just switches off when it is a bit too easy, which if he's going to be a captain he has to eradicate from his game,"

said former Southampton captain Matt Le Tissier on Sky Sports. "He needs to be a better organiser, which will come with experience, because you need to have that ability to make sure everybody is organised, even when you're not having a good game yourself." *Mirror*



## In Turkey, 'crazy' welcome awaits foreign football stars

**I**STANBUL - It's a common sight that has become a ritual. A foreign player set to sign for a Turkish side steps bleary-eyed into the arrivals hall at Istanbul airport to be greeted by a raucous welcome from thousands of fans.

Slogans are chanted as if in a trance, flares let off and the player battles through the hordes of selfie-taking fans before being bundled into the sanctuary of a waiting car.

It's a baptism of fire for the large numbers of European and Latin American stars who have arrived to ply their trade in the Super Lig in recent years, attracted by high wages, low taxes and a competitive league.

"People abroad must just say to themselves, 'what is this country of crazy people?'" laughed Ayhan Guner, a leader of the Carsi, the best known fan group from Istanbul's Besiktas.

"It's simple -- for us football is sacred. We go to the stadium as some others go on a pilgrimage," he told AFP.

Supporters fondly remember some of the most celebrated welcomes, such as that laid on by Fenerbahce fans for Brazilian striker Alex in 2004, by Galatasaray supporters for Didier Drogba and Wesley Sneijder in 2013 and for Ricardo Quaresma at Besiktas.

Last summer's transfer window marked a new peak for the practice with the likes of Bafetimbi Gomis (Galatasaray), Mathieu Valbuena (Fenerbahce) and Pepe (Besiktas) given ear-splitting receptions on arrival.

"I can't explain it. It was something crazy," recalled former Besiktas striker Pascal Nouma, a Frenchman, who was welcomed by thousands at the airport when he arrived in Istanbul in 2000.

*AFP*

## ...Realise responsibilities

**I**STANBUL - The welcome plays on Turkey's traditions of hospitality but also have an element of a warning.

"We are saying 'you are not a foreigner, you are part of the family,'" said Atakan Bodan, head of the student section of the ultraAslan, the hardcore fan club of Galatasaray.

"The message is 'here's what the place where you are looks like. Here is your family. Give your all and we will make you the king of this club,'" he added.

**Motivation**

"When a young man leaves on military service, all his relatives come," he said. But he added: "It gives great motivation but also makes the player aware of his responsibilities."

*AFP*



## Moura in line for Tottenham debut

**L**ONDON - Lucas Moura could make his Tottenham Hotspur debut in today's Premier League game against Arsenal but Manager Mauricio Pochettino says he has tough decisions to make before selecting his team for the north London derby.

After sticking with the same starting line-up for the 2-0 victory over Manchester United and the 2-2 draw at Liverpool, Pochettino made 10 changes as Tottenham cruised into the FA Cup fifth round beating fourth-tier Newport County 2-0.

The Argentine is likely to ring in the changes again for the visit of sixth-placed Arsenal, with Brazilian midfielder Moura in line to make his debut after arriving in the January transfer window from French side Paris St Germain.

"I think he will be ready, maybe to be in contention for Saturday (today)," Pochettino said. "He is doing well, training so hard and I think we need to assess him."

"After the last training session, I hope that he is still doing well and we can put him in contention."

Toby Alderweireld is available after the Belgian defender returned to the team from a hamstring injury he picked up in November and played 90 minutes against Newport. Defender Danny Rose and midfielder Harry Winks are also fit, boosting the manager's options. "It's positive but it'll be tough because we can't put out more than 11 and seven on the bench," Pochettino added.

"I am sure that many players will not be happy that they will be out but that is football, they understand the rules and always we are going to take the best decision for the team." *Reuters*

# PSG MAKE CHELSEA STAR N'GOLO KANTE THEIR NO 1 TARGET

...to replace veteran midfielder Thiago Motta this summer

**P**ARIS - Chelsea midfielder N'Golo Kante tops French moneybags PSG's wishlist this summer.

The Ligue 1 leaders want to bring the Parisian back home and see him as the ideal replacement for ageing anchorman Thiago Motta, according to reports in France.

Having become the first player to win two successive Premier League titles with different sides, Kante has become highly coveted across Europe. And Le 10 Sport claim that PSG will make a big offer to prise him away from the current English champions. The 26-year-old has proved a revelation since joining Leicester for just £5.6million in the summer of 2015, helping them to an astonishing league title in his first season.

He then followed it up with further success at Stamford Bridge



after a £32m move in July 2016. Italy international Motta turns 36 later this year, and PSG are desperate to find a younger model to act as the midfielder anchor from next season.

Kante has been a virtual ever-present under Antonio Conte in

a difficult second season at the club.

He has made 32 appearances but the Blues are well adrift of runaway league leaders Manchester City in a bid to defend their 2017 title success.

*Daily Mail*

## Happy Jele hungry for Orlando Pirates silverware



**HIGH HOPES: Happy Jele.**

**J**OHANNESBURG - Orlando Pirates defender Happy Jele says he wants to win 'as many titles as possible' as the Buccaneers start their Nedbank Cup campaign this week-end.

The Soweto giants take on Ajax Cape Town tonight at the Orlando Stadium.

Jele, who has been Pirates for 12 years, during which time he has helped the Soweto team win the league twice, also has two Nedbank Cup final victories, and

two top eight winners' medals to his credit.

The 31-year-old still has several years left at the top level but as he begins to move towards the twilight of his career, his hunger for more trophy success has only increased.

"It won't be easy. We are playing Ajax Cape Town and they have shown that they are more than capable of doing well so we have to be on our A-game this Saturday (tonight)," Jele told Soccer Laduma website.

"On a personal level, it's about having as many titles as possible."

"I'm at a stage in my career where I want to win as much as I can so the Nedbank will provide an opportunity for myself and my team-mates a chance at silverware." *Sport4*

## McLaren declare interest in re-signing Hamilton

**L**ONDON - McLaren Executive Director Zak Brown has said he would welcome Lewis Hamilton back to the team with open arms, should a new deal with Mercedes not be agreed.

Mercedes boss Toto Wolff has

recently stated that it is only a matter of time before Hamilton, who is currently out of contract at the end of the 2018 season, signs on the dotted line of a new deal.

But, until he does, he is technically free to speak to any team, and Brown said McLaren, as well as

everyone else, would be very interested.

"I don't think there's a team in the pitlane that wouldn't be interested in having Lewis drive for them, us included," Brown said.

"If anyone got Lewis, it would be great for the team."

"He has a great history here and he is very friendly with the shareholders."

Hamilton spent six seasons with McLaren, amassing 21 career victories and clinching the 2008 World Championship.

*Sport24*

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14:30 Sheffield United v Leeds United  
17:00 Nottingham Forest v Hull City  
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Rangers  
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##### French Ligue 1

18:00 Toulouse v PSG  
21:00 Dijon v Nice  
21:00 Angers SCO v Monaco  
21:00 Metz v Montpellier  
21:00 Guingamp v Caen  
21:00 Bordeaux v Amiens SC

##### Italian Serie A

16:00 SPAL v Milan  
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##### Nedbank Cup

15:30 Phiva Young Stars v Chippa United  
15:30 Steenberg United v Orbit College  
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20:15 Super Eagles v Free State Stars  
20:15 Orlando Pirates v Ajax Cape Town

##### Premier League

14:30 Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal  
17:00 West Ham United v Watford  
17:00 Swansea City v Burnley  
17:00 Stoke City v Brighton & Hove Albion  
17:00 Everton v Crystal Palace

19:30 Manchester City v Leicester City

##### Spanish LaLiga

14:00 Villarreal v Deportivo Alavés  
17:15 Málaga v Atlético Madrid  
19:30 Leganés v Eibar  
21:45 Real Madrid v Real Sociedad

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##### Bundesliga 2017/2018

16:30 Stuttgart v Borussia M'gladbach  
19:00 Werder Bremen v Wolfsburg

##### English Championship

14:00 Aston Villa v Birmingham City

##### French Ligue 1

16:00 Strasbourg v Troyes  
18:00 Nantes v Lille  
22:00 Olympique Lyonnais v Rennes

##### Italian Serie A

13:30 Sassuolo v Cagliari  
16:00 Torino v Udinese  
16:00 Chievo v Genoa  
16:00 Internazionale v Hellas Verona  
16:00 Sampdoria v Benevento  
21:45 Roma v

##### Nedbank Cup

15:30 Happy Wanderers v Royal Eagles  
15:30 Bloemfontein Celtic v SuperSport United  
15:30 Mariveni United v EC Bees  
15:30 Kaizer Chiefs v Golden Arrows

##### Premier League

14:00 Huddersfield Town v AFC Bournemouth  
16:15 Newcastle United v Manchester United  
18:30 Southampton v Liverpool

##### Spanish LaLiga

13:00 Sevilla v Girona  
17:15 Barcelona v Getafe  
19:30 Celta de Vigo v Espanyol  
21:45 Valencia v Levante

## Chiefs host wounded Arrows

**J**OHANNESBURG - Kaizer Chiefs will face off with Lamontville Golden Arrows in the Nedbank Cup Last 32 match at the FNB Stadium tomorrow.

Amakhosi are heading into the Cup encounter undefeated in their last seven ABSA Premiership matches having registered four wins and three draws.

Record 13-time Nedbank Cup champions Chiefs, who drew 1-1 with Bidvest Wits in a league game last weekend, are looking to clinch their 14th title this season. Meanwhile, Arrows saw their three-match unbeaten run in the league come to an end when they lost 2-1 to their KwaZulu-Natal rivals AmaZulu FC last weekend. Abafana Bes'thende had a chance to reach the Nedbank Cup final last season, but they were beaten in the semifinals. They will be hoping to go all the way and reach this year's final. Kaizer Chiefs: Khune, Cardoso, Mathoho, Ngezana, Zulu, Moleko, Katsande, Maluleka, Tshabalala, Moon, Paez.

### Winning

**Golden Arrows:** Gumede, Mzava, Mngwenge, Buthelezi, Nonyane, Zuke, Venter, Shongwe, Mahachi, Ndawandwe, Mutizwa.

"We would not like to win it within 90 minutes so our people do not go through the anxiety. It is also that time of the season where you want to save as much energy as you can," he said.

"Their recent record has no basis for us not preparing thoroughly. We have to avoid them playing in a way that puts us under pressure. We have to go there and play a sensible game." *Backpage TXT*





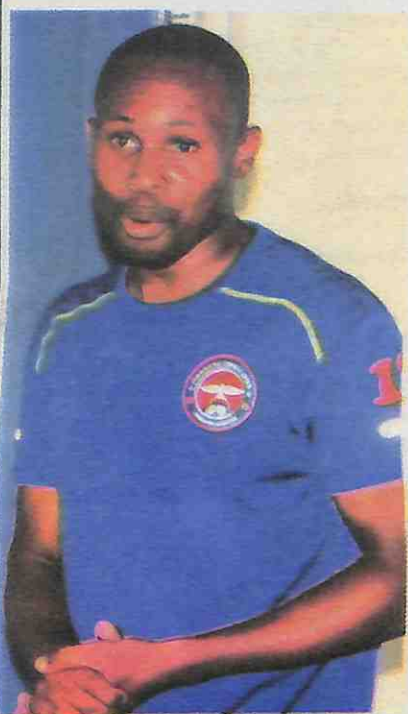
# MBABANE SWALLOWS FAREWELL FUNCTION



**SAFE JOURNEY:** Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs David Cruiser Ngcamphalala making his remarks during the farewell function for Mbabane Swallows held at Sigwaca House on Thursday evening. The minister is flanked by NFAS Vice President Comfort Shongwe and President Adam Bomber Mthethwa.



**LISTENING:** Swallows players Tony, Sifiso Mabila and Sanele Mkheweli listening to the speeches on the day.



**MY POINT:** Mbabane Swallows Captain Tony TT Tsabedze making his remarks during the event.



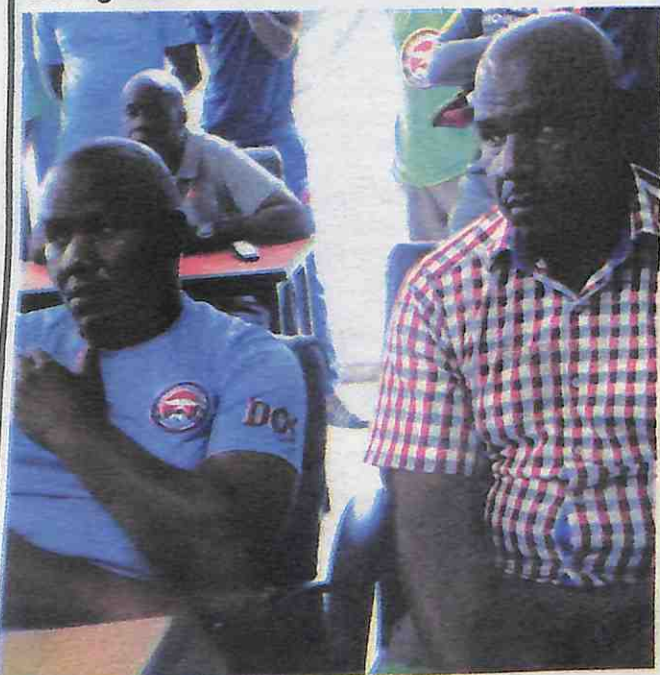
**GOODBYE:** NFAS CEO Frederick Mngomezulu directing the proceedings of the day.



**TEAM LEADER:** NFAS Executive Member, MP Sikhumbuzo Dlamini leads the Swallows delegation to Lesotho.



**ALSO THERE:** Kit Manager Isaac Dlamini and winger Sizolwethu Nunu Shabangu also attended the function.



**ATTENTIVE:** Mbabane Swallows team doctor Samukeliso Mdluli and coach Thabo Vilakati following the proceedings.



**LIGHT MOMENT:** Zwane sharing a light moment with the minister.



**PRESENT:** Swallows internationals Richard Sewu and Stanley Umokoro.

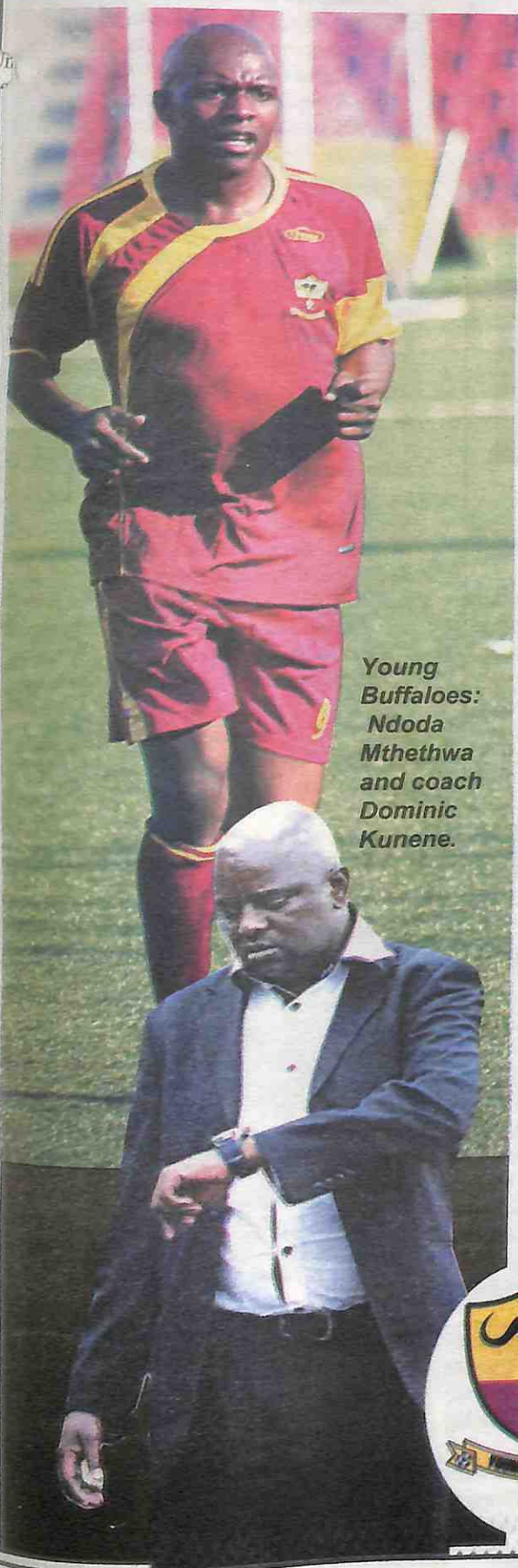


**STARS:** Defender Mandla Palma and veteran winger Wonder 'Samba Jive' Nhleko.





# 'BUFFS' AND CITY SET FOR EPIC CLASH



**Young Buffaloes:**  
Ndoda Mthethwa  
and coach  
Dominic  
Kunene.

**Young Buffaloes vs Cape Town City**  
CAF Confederation Cup  
Preliminary round first leg  
Somhlolo National Stadium, 4pm

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**S**OCCER - Young Buffaloes take on South African side Cape Town City in the first leg of a CAF Confederation Cup Preliminary round first leg tie at the Somhlolo National Stadium today.

The two sides come into the match at the back of contrasting results in cup competitions in their respective countries.

Buffaloes were beaten 1-0 in the semi-finals of the SMVAF Ingwenyama Cup by Royal Leopard on Sunday while City beat Bidvest Wits by the same score-line in the Nedbank Cup last 32 on Wednesday night.

However, City's match on Wednesday might work on Buffaloes' favour with the army side having had considerably more time to recover and prepare for today's match. City coach Benni McCarthy has already stated that Wednesday's win took its toll on his players with 35-year-old midfielder Teko Modise left out of the squad to face Buffaloes after he complained of stiff muscles after the match.

McCarthy has also stated his desire to give a few of his fringe players gametime today and this

could prove Buffaloes' opportunity to stun opponents who know little about them.

Buffaloes have been solid this season. They are second in the MTN Premier League, just four points behind leaders Mbabane Swallows. They will need playmaker Sandile Gamedze to be at his very best in order to break down a City side that hardly gives goals away. Towering forward Phiwayinkhosi Dlamini will also be key for the army side in unsettling the City defence.

Despite leaving Modise behind, City themselves have enough firepower to trouble Buffaloes. Attacker

Ayanda Patosi has the opportunity to redeem himself after being substituted in the first half of Wednesday's win over Wits. Him and fellow attacker Lyle Lakay will be key as City aim at getting vital away goals.

City have plenty of experience at the back with former Orlando Pirates defender Robyn Johannes and veteran Vincent Kobola among the men who form their defence.

While City will be making their debut in African club competition, Buffaloes have competed before but without much success.

This is an opportunity for both sides to leave a mark on the African game. It promises to be a tight affair.



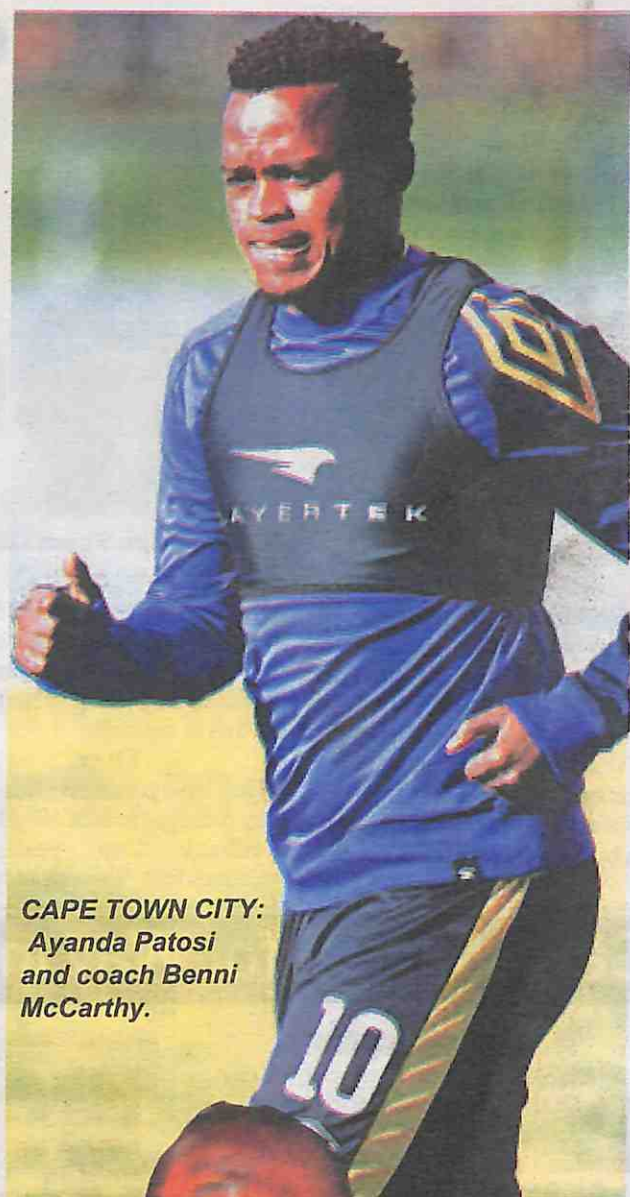
## PLAYERS TO WATCH:

### YOUNG BUFFALOES:

- Sandile Gamedze
- Ndoda Mthethwa

### CAPE TOWN CITY:

- Ayanda Patosi



**CAPE TOWN CITY:**  
Ayanda Patosi  
and coach Benni  
McCarthy.





# BENNI PRAISES 'WARM HEARTED' SWAZIS

Stories by Sibongiseni Zondi

**S**OCCER - They had only been in the country for a little less than 30 minutes at Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy was already praising Swazis for their hospitality after his side's arrival in the country on Thursday night.

City arrived through the Ngwenya Border Gate just before 9pm for their CAF Confederation Cup Preliminary round first leg clash with Young Buffaloes set for the Somhlolo National Stadium today.

City spent about 20 minutes at the border as their travel documents were being processed by immigration officials. Just before they left the border for the Royal

Swazi Spa Hotel, City coach McCarthy praised Swazis for welcoming them well.

"These are the moments in football that I want to cherish, that I want to enjoy and I want the players to also experience that. So we want to make the most of our time here and really enjoy it. We can see the warm hearted people that we encountered. Everybody has been really helpful. Everybody has been really nice since we walked through those gates you know," the South African football legend said.

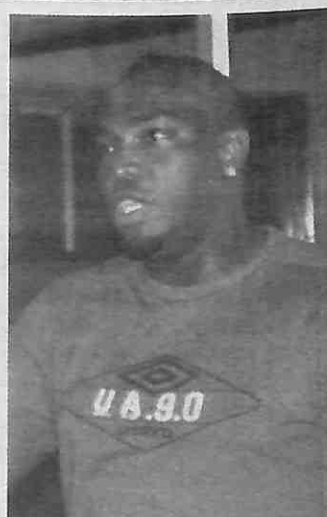
McCarthy added that their visit to the country would be a worthwhile experience.

"I think it's a nice experience for myself and the team. For most of

us it's our first time reaching CAF Competitions at club level so we are going to try and enjoy the occasion. We want to play the best football that we can and we want to entertain the fans because we know that we represent not just Cape Town City but South African football.

We just want to make new friends along the way because obviously Swaziland is our neighbouring country and we want to learn as much as we can from our experience here in Swaziland and we want to leave having made a lot of new friends," he said.

McCarthy concluded by stressing the importance of striking up a good relationship with Buffaloes and the entire country.



**IMPRESSED:** Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy.

"For us it's not just about playing a football match but it's to enjoy the experience and experience the countryside and the warmth of the people. You never know, our paths might cross again we might be able to help each other in whichever way," the former FC Porto striker said.

## ...No sacrificing CAF Confederation Cup for us

**S**OCCER - Cape Town City coach Benni McCarthy says he won't sacrifice the CAF Confederation Cup as his side competes in three competitions this season.

City arrived in the country on Thursday night through the Ngwenya Border Gate for their 2018 CAF Confederation Cup Preliminary round first leg clash with Young Buffaloes set for the Somhlolo National Stadium today.

On Wednesday night, the Cape side beat Bidvest Wits 1-0 to advance to the last 16 of the Nedbank Cup.

City also sit in 5th position in the South African top flight, just seven points behind leaders Mamelodi Sundowns and the Citizens coach Benni McCarthy says their focus is on all three competitions.

"Our attention is on all the competitions. We were unfortunate to miss out in the MTN 8 final (beaten by Supersport United) at the



**HERE:** Cape Town City players after their arrival at the border. (Pics: Sibongiseni Zondi)

beginning of the season and in the Telkom Knockout we went out in the first round because I think the players were still disappointed from the loss in the final.

**Over**

They have gotten over that now, they managed to beat Wits in the Nedbank Cup yesterday (Wednesday). So yeah it's good

and we are still in with a chance in the League.

As strong and as good things look for Sundowns, but we are still hoping that we can make a late challenge and push them all the way for the League," McCarthy said.

South African clubs have been guilty of taking CAF competitions lightly in the past but McCarthy

says that won't be the case for his side.

"We want to try and go as far as possible in the Nedbank and in the Confederation Cup. We don't take it (Confederation Cup) lightly. So for all the competitions we are trying to go out and see how far we can go or maybe try and win it if we can," McCarthy concluded.



## Volleyball U-20 squad selection at Zakhele courts

By Sibusiso Masilela

**V**OLLEYBALL - The Swaziland National Volleyball Association (SNVA) will today conduct trials for the national Under-20 national teams at the Zakhele courts.

The trials are aimed at assisting the association to select the national teams to represent the country during the Region 5 games slated for Botswana in December.

SNVA Secretary Nonophile 'Affie' Dlamini said the session would start at 10am. She further invited young and aspiring players of the sport to attend without fail.

"We are inviting players below the age of 20 to attend the junior national team trials tomorrow morning (today) where we will be selecting the males and females teams. This applies to players born on January 1, 1999 or later. The trialists are expected to bring ID, birth certificate and passport."

"We are appealing to the players to keep time in order to allow the technical team to have enough time to finish the selection," she said.

Dlamini also stated that they would soon draw up the training programme for the national teams in preparation for the upcoming championships.

"Once we have selected the team, we are hoping to have international friendly matches with neighbouring countries, which we believe will help them prepare for the games. We will announce other logistics in due course," she also said.

## Garrison test for Way Inn in MRPA

By Sibusiso Masilela

**P**POOL - Current Manzini Regional Pool Association (MRPA) log leaders Way Inn's good run will be put to test by army side Garrison during a crunch league encounter slated for this afternoon.

According to the fixtures released by the MRPA, the game will be played at the Stairs Pool Club in Malkerns starting at 2pm.

**Aiming**

Way Inn will be aiming to consolidate their position at the top of the table while the second from the bottom opposition will be out to collect the maximum points in order to improve their log standing.

Other interesting clashes of the weekend features fourth place Figaredo 5 which will host Nicks at the Ludzeludze Pool Club.

Tomorrow will see two games taking centre stage in different venues. At the UNISWA hall, Uni K will take on Bhunya while Figaredo has a date with Garrison.

### Fixtures

#### Today

Ludzeludze Pool club	Figaredo 5	vs	Nicks
Stairs Pool Club	Way Inn	vs	Garrison
Macembe Pool Club	Macembe	vs	Mankayane
Mankayane pool club	Eagles	vs	Uni K

#### Tomorrow

Ludzeludze Pool Club	Figaredo	vs	Garrison
Uniswa Hall	Uni K	vs	Bhunya

Teams	P	W	L	FF	FA	FD	PTS
1. Way Inn	4	4	0	68	32	36	14
2. Mankayane	4	3	1	47	48	-1	10
3. Figaredo	4	2	2	54	46	8	9
4. Figa5	4	2	2	51	49	2	9
5. Nicks	4	2	2	52	48	4	8
6. Bhunya 1	4	2	2	48	52	-4	7
7. Anka Eagles	4	2	2	47	53	-6	7
8. Macembe	5	1	4	58	67	-9	7
9. Correctional	5	1	4	50	75	-25	6
10. Garrison	2	1	1	26	24	2	4
11. Uni-K	2	1	1	19	31	-12	3

## SNSA CLUB GALA TODAY

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**S**WIMMING - The Swaziland National Swimming Association (SNSA) will today host a club gala at the Sifundzani Primary School.

This was confirmed by the association's President Berger Nxumalo yesterday. This will be the third swimming competition in the country following the SWAKI bankrolled gala held at Enjabulweni about a fortnight ago, and the mile held at Hawane Dam a day later. Nxumalo said the association has been impressed with the standard of the sport in the country so far.

"Yes, we will be hosting a club gala on Saturday (tomorrow).

So far, the standard is improving with every tournament and this is good. It shows that the clubs are putting in an extra effort, and we would like to encourage them to continue doing the good work."

The president further revealed that the tournament was being used to prepare swimmers for the main event, the National Championships



**CONFIRMED:** SNSA President Berger Nxumalo.

slated for month end. "Our main aim in the gala tomorrow will be to prepare our swimmers for the National Championships. Our neighbouring countries from Namibia and South Africa, to name but a few, will be coming through and we need to make sure that our athletes are also at their very best."



# 'BUCS' TAKE BULL TO COURT OVER 'FASH' DEAL

By Sports Reporter

**S**OCCKER – Premier League teams Moneni Pirates and Mbabane Highlanders are up in arms in court over the pending transfer fee of speedy striker Mfanufikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze.

The two teams yesterday appeared before High Court Judge Maxime Langwenya yesterday. Pirates are demanding an outstanding balance of E50 000 for the Ntandozi born player, who is now in the books of Mbombela United, a team campaigning in the South African National First Division. Pirates, through lawyers from Nzima and Associates, alleged that Highlanders owed them the said amount after paying E100 000 during the off season. Highlanders are said to have promised to pay the balance in installments, some-

thing the Buccaneers claim has not happened until now.

Through their lawyers from Robinson & Betrams, Highlanders claim that they paid the balance to December Mavimbela, who then was Moneni Pirates managing director.

The matter was however not argued as the judge deferred it February 23.

Ndzimandze initially joined Highlanders in August from Pirates before sealing a loan move to Mbombela about six weeks ago.

The former Mbabane Swallows player made a switch to Highlanders together with defender Mncedisi Dlamini who is still in the books of the capital city side.

**STILL NOT CLEARED:**  
Striker Mfanufikile 'Fash' Ndzimandze.



## Wounded Citizens to face basement side Amalanda

By Sibusiso Dlamini

**S**OCCKER – Wounded MTN National First Division (NFD) current log leaders Mbabane Citizens will tomorrow face-off with basement side Amalanda.

This is according to this weekend's fixture as released by the Premier League of Swaziland (PLS) through the Chief Operations Officer (COO) Pat Vilakati.

### Teams

The two teams who are on opposite ends of the log standings will meet for the double header slated for the King Sobhuza Stadium tomorrow.

Both teams are wounded coming into this match as Citizens lost 0 – 1 to Hlathikhulu Tycoons whilst their opponents Amalanda also lost by the same score-line to former Premier League side Hub Sundowns. Kick-off is 1:30pm. The second match of the day will see

### THE FULL FIXTURE

#### Tomorrow at the King Sobhuza II Stadium

Amalanda	vs	Mbabane Citizens	1:30pm
Hlathikhulu Tycoons	vs	Madlenya	3:30pm

#### Tomorrow at the Manzini Club

Milling Hotspurs	vs	Tinyosi	1:30pm
Bad Boys	vs	Hub Sundowns	3:30pm

#### Tomorrow at the Tambankulu Stadium

Tambankulu Callies	vs	Manzini Sea Birds	3pm
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#### Tomorrow at the Mayalukua Stadium

Sikhalse Africa	vs	Mahlalini	3pm
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Hlathikhulu Tycoons hosting Madlenya, and their encounter is scheduled for 3:30pm.

Another double header will be at the Manzini Club, and the first match will see Tinyosi facing-off against Milling Hotspurs.

This will definitely be a thriller as the teams are placed fourth and fifth on the log standings respectively. Kick-off is

1:30pm. The second match will see Bad Boys hosting Hub Sundowns at 3:30pm.

Elsewhere at the Tabankulu Stadium, Tabankulu Callies and Manzini Sea Birds will face-off against relegated former Premier League side Manzini Sea Birds at 3pm.

At the Mayaluka Stadium, Sikhalse Se-Africa will be hosting Mahlalini. Kick-off is 3pm.

## FA hosts medical course for First Aiders

By Sibusiso Masilela

**S**OCCKER – In a bid to curb serious injuries in football, The National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) is currently hosting a two-day First Aiders Course at the Technical Centre in Lobamba.

This course started yesterday will end tomorrow.

According to a press statement released by the organisation's Marketing and Communications Officer Muzi Radebe

yesterday, the target audience is children from schools that will be participating in the High Schools Girls Football Development Programme.

"About thirty (30) participants are expected for this course. The facilitators are First Aid Experts from the ministry of health under the EMS Department.

The essence of this course is to empower the participants with the basic first aid techniques and knowledge due to the fact that football is a contact sport," he said.

Radebe also mentioned the importance

of first aiders and that it also ensured the safety of players during football matches.

"The availability of qualified first aiders is vital for the sake of health and safety of players during football matches. This is also another model of football development at grassroots levels; where the football associations has synergies with schools to develop talent and expertise at the teen ages. Likewise medical attention and expertise has to be developed at this level," he said.

## PM bemoans Sihlangu's trophy drought

By Sibongiseni Zondi

**S**OCCKER – Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini has bemoaned Sihlangu's failure to win silverware in his recently released book.

Dlamini's book titled Inspiration: The Personal Journey of A Prime Minister of Swaziland was launched last week.

The senior national football team Sihlangu has never won an official trophy and has also failed to qualify for any FIFA World Cup or the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON). In a brief part of his book, Dlamini touches on sport and Sihlangu specifically.

"Our sport is important especially at youth level. Playing sport is healthy, it keeps youngsters well occupied and it is invariably good for fun. That is an excellent formula. Soccer is irrefutably our national sport but our national team, Sihlangu, does not win trophies," Dlamini writes in the book.

The prime minister then shares advice on how Sihlangu's fortunes can be turned around. "We need more activity for our

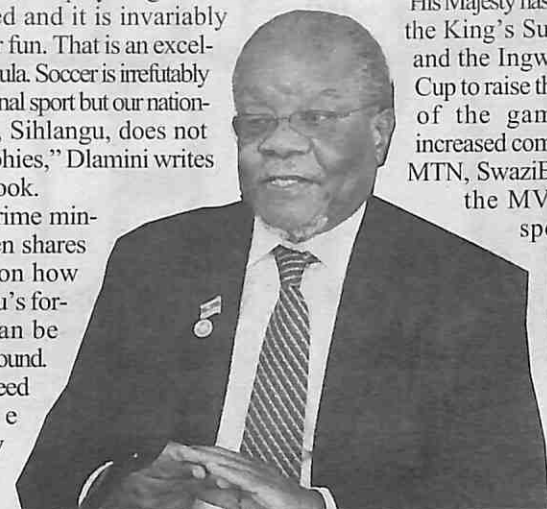
youth from a young age, with youth training and plenty of competition through to adulthood.

The Shukuma football initiative is designed to promote this and the *tinkhundla* will be the nurturing grounds. Speaking at a recent award ceremony, I encouraged private sector support for the development of futsal, the Spanish equivalent of five-a-side soccer, at grassroots.

It was what Pele, Messi and Ronaldo played exclusively as youngsters and accounts for their close-quarter dribbling skills. This could be the key to filling the Sihlangu trophy Cabinet in future years," the Premier writes.

Dlamini also lauds the contribution of His Majesty King Mswati III in the development of football in the country.

"His Majesty has launched the King's Super Cup and the Ingwenyama Cup to raise the profile of the game with increased competition. MTN, SwaziBank and the MVA have sponsored top league soccer," he adds.



**BEMOURNS:** Prime Minister Dr Sibusiso Dlamini.

## Sikhali travels with Birds to Lesotho

By Qondile Ntwane

**S**OCCKER – Injured Mbabane Swallows striker Sabelo Sikhali Ndzinisa has travelled with the team to Lesotho.

Information gathered from the team's Facebook page is that the player was part of the squad that travelled to Lesotho on Thursday night.

The Mbabane giants will take on Bantu FC in the first leg of the Preliminary round of the CAF Champions League clash at the Sesotso Stadium in Maseru tomorrow afternoon.

Sikhali has been ruled out of action for the rest of the season after sustaining a head injury in the Swazi Telecom Charity Cup last year, something that saw him undergo a craniotomy surgery.

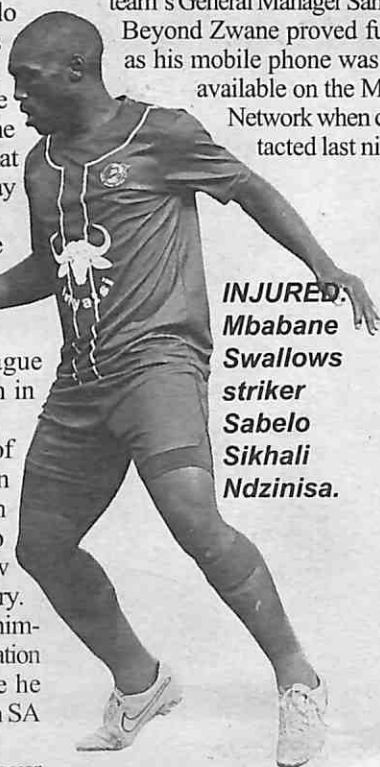
The player made a name for himself in the team's CAF Confederation Cup mission last year where he scored four goals to bring down SA side Platinum Stars.

The Birds striker is part of the over

700 supporters that accompanied the team to Lesotho for the clash.

Efforts to get a comment from the team's General Manager Sandile Beyond Zwane proved futile as his mobile phone was not available on the MTN Network when contacted last night.

**INJURED:**  
Mbabane Swallows striker Sabelo Sikhali Ndzinisa.





## FIXTURES

### NEDBANK CUP

15:30	Phiva Young Stars	vs	Chippa United
15:30	Steenberg United	vs	Orbit College
15:30	Swallows FC	vs	Maritzburg United
20:15	Super Eagles	vs	Free State Stars
20:15	Orlando Pirates	vs	Ajax Cape Town

### PREMIER LEAGUE

14:30	Tottenham Hotspur	vs	Arsenal
17:00	West Ham United	vs	Watford
17:00	Swansea City	vs	Burnley
17:00	Stoke City	vs	Brighton
17:00	Everton	vs	Crystal Palace
19:30	Manchester City	vs	Leicester City

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## TAU SENDS 'DOWNS INTO NEDBANK CUP LAST 16

**C**APE TOWN - Mamelodi Sundowns advanced to the next round of the Nedbank Cup after defeating Cape Town All Stars 1-0, with Percy Tau netting the game's only goal.

Percy Tau had a chance to open the scoring in the 11th minute from a free-kick just outside the box but his strike was smothered by goalkeeper Ludwe Mpakumpaku. Igugu Lekapa were not overawed by their opponents as they showed a lot of confidence to build from

the back and looked organised defensively.

Ntshuxeko Ndlovu had the first shot in anger for Stars in the 22nd minute with a curling strike from the edge of the box that sailed just over the crossbar.

### Deadlock

Ndlovu nearly broke the deadlock All Stars in the 33rd minute with his strike taking a wicked deflection that almost caught Razak flat-footed, only for the strike pull wide.

The Brazilians had a good attacking spell approaching the 40th minute

but were taking one-touch-too-many in the last third and lost their opportunities as the sides went into the break goalless.

Lucky Setelele should have put Stars ahead three minutes after the break but he missed the target from point-blank range.

### Glorious

Ndlovu had a another glorious chance to find the breakthrough for Stars just before the hour but he dragged his effort wide with only the All Stars goalkeeper to beat.

Tau punished the hosts three min-

utes later by slotting the ball into the bottom corner after being picked out by Gaston Sirino.

Ruzaigh Gamildien fancied his chances from long range 10 minutes before time but he was off the mark as time was running out for the National First Division side.

Tau had a chance to get his brace with seven minutes remaining after being setup by Thokozani Sekotlong but he skied his shot over the bar before Sirino squandered a similar chance minutes later.

*Soccer Laduma*

